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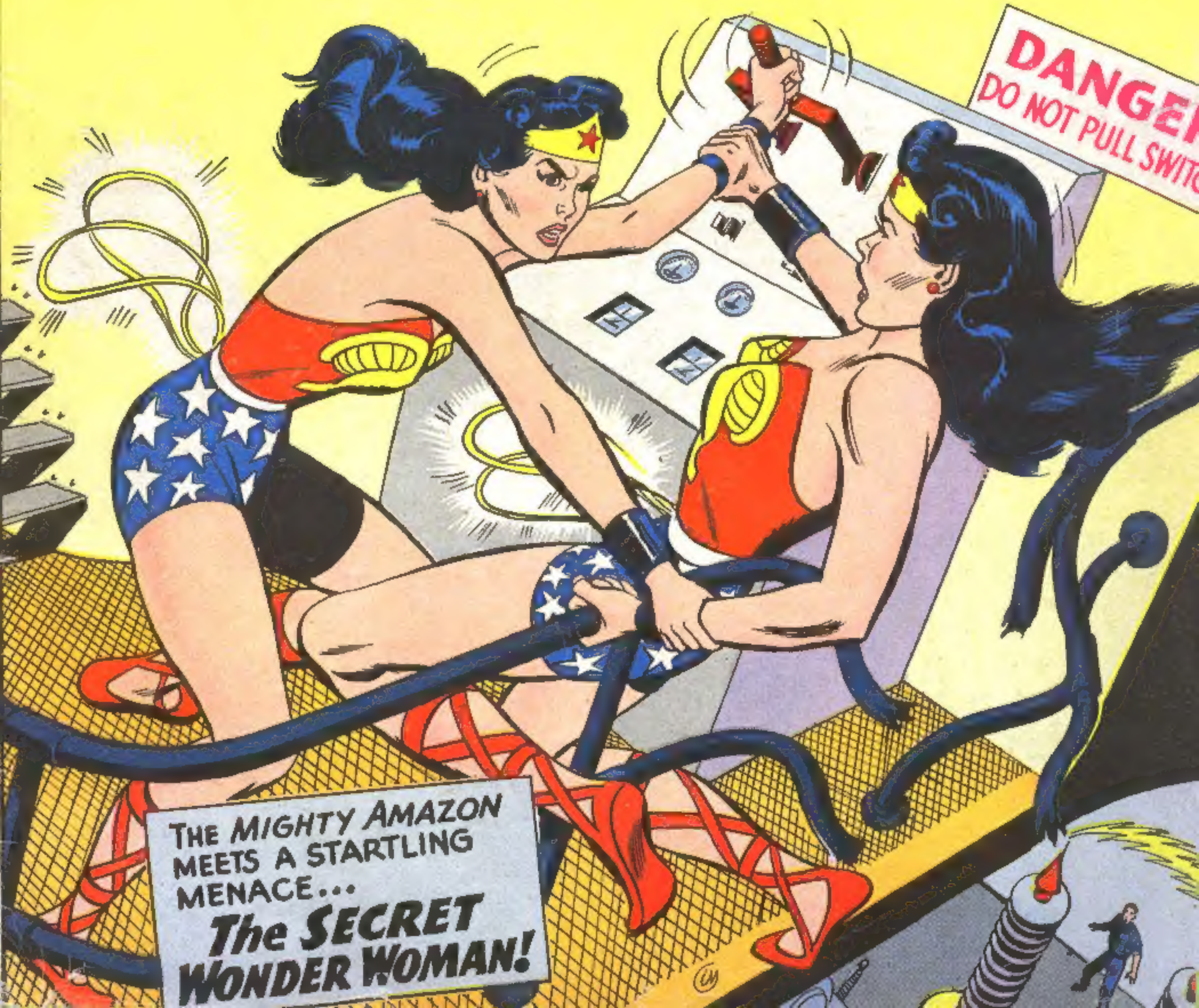
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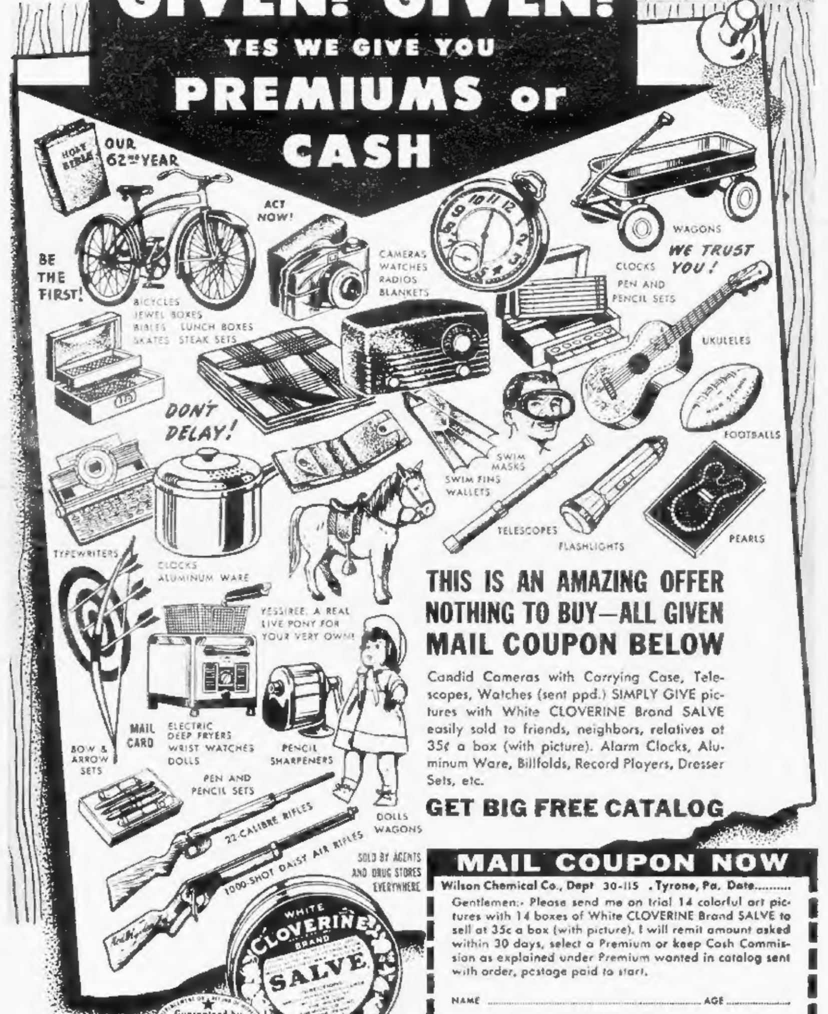
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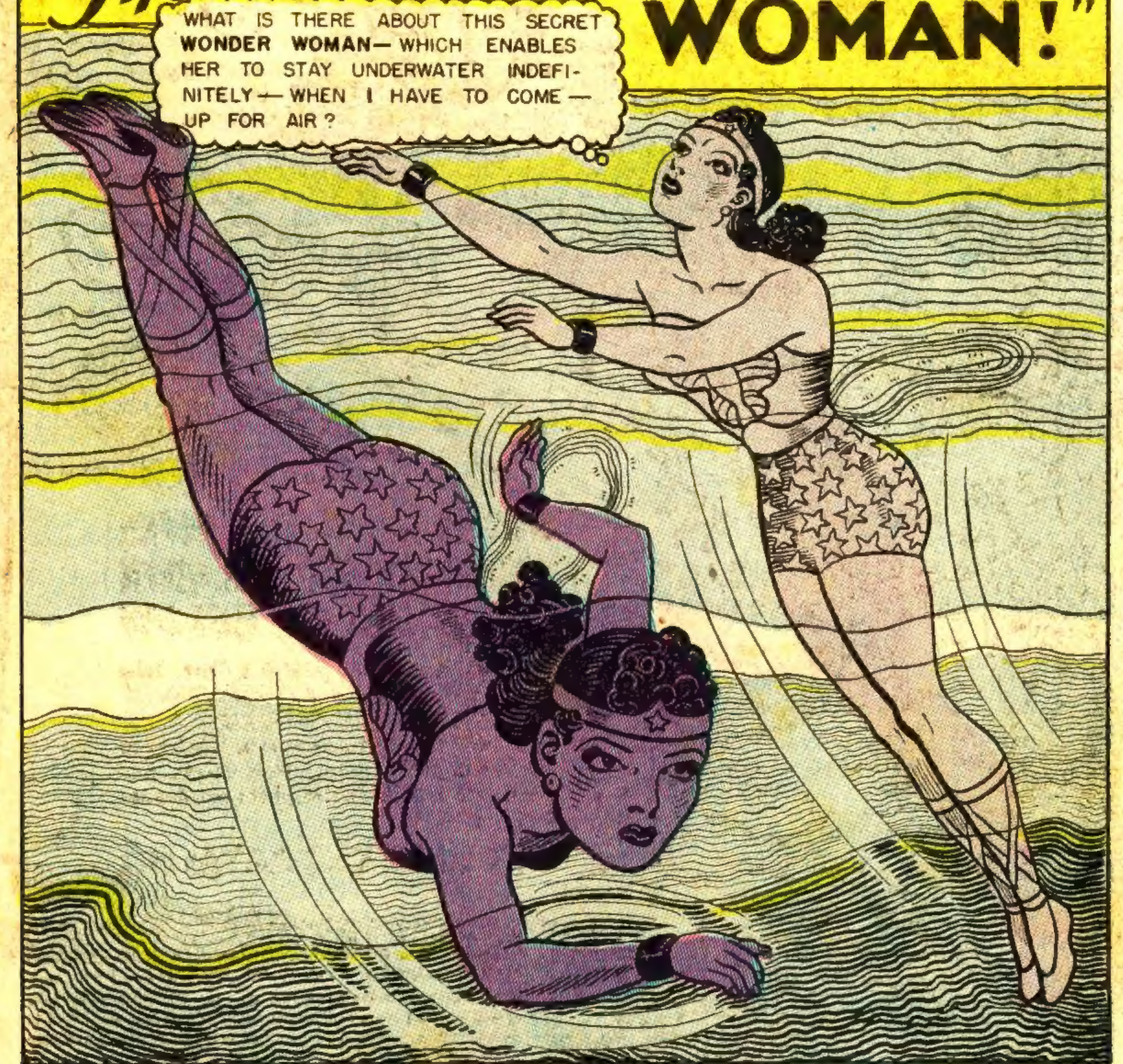
"The SECRET WONDER WOMAN!"


WHAT IS THERE ABOUT THIS SECRET WONDER WOMAN—WHICH ENABLES HER TO STAY UNDERWATER INDEFINITELY—WHEN I HAVE TO COME—UP FOR AIR?

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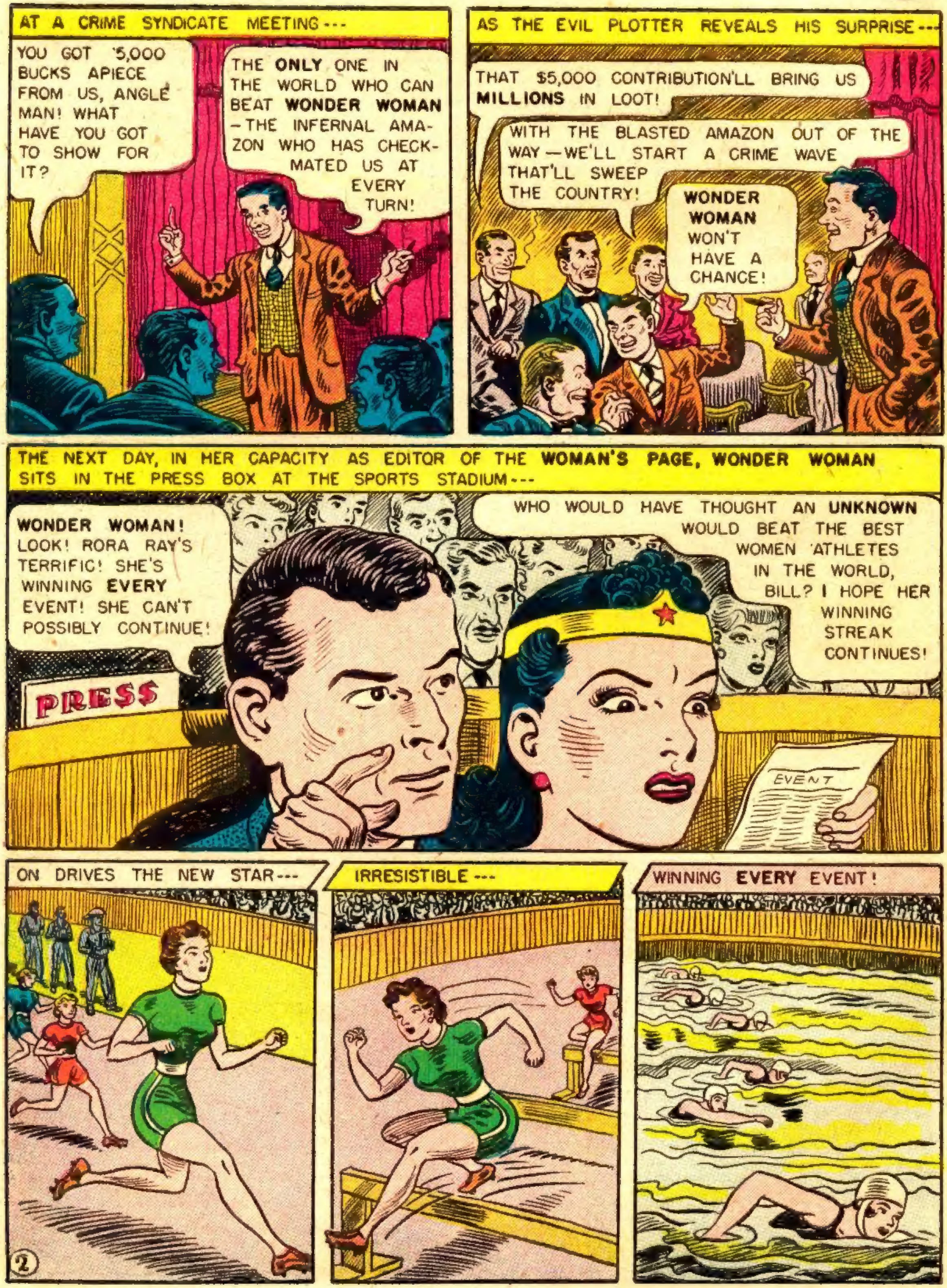
AT A CRIME SYNDICATE MEETING---
YOU GOT $5,000 BUCKS APIECE FROM US, ANGLE MAN! WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO SHOW FOR IT?
THE **ONLY** ONE IN THE WORLD WHO CAN BEAT **WONDER WOMAN** -THE INFERNAL AMAZON WHO HAS CHECKMATED US AT EVERY TURN!
AS THE EVIL PLOTTER REVEALS HIS SURPRISE---
THAT $5,000 CONTRIBUTION'LL BRING US **MILLIONS** IN LOOT!
WITH THE BLASTED AMAZON OUT OF THE WAY—WE'LL START A CRIME WAVE THAT'LL SWEEP THE COUNTRY!
WONDER WOMAN WON'T HAVE A CHANCE!
THE NEXT DAY, IN HER CAPACITY AS EDITOR OF THE **WOMAN'S PAGE, WONDER WOMAN** SITS IN THE PRESS BOX AT THE SPORTS STADIUM---
WONDER WOMAN! LOOK! RORA RAY'S TERRIFIC! SHE'S WINNING **EVERY** EVENT! SHE CAN'T POSSIBLY CONTINUE!
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT AN **UNKNOWN** WOULD BEAT THE BEST WOMEN ATHLETES IN THE WORLD, BILL? I HOPE HER WINNING STREAK CONTINUES!
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ON DRIVES THE NEW STAR---
IRRESISTIBLE---
WINNING **EVERY** EVENT!
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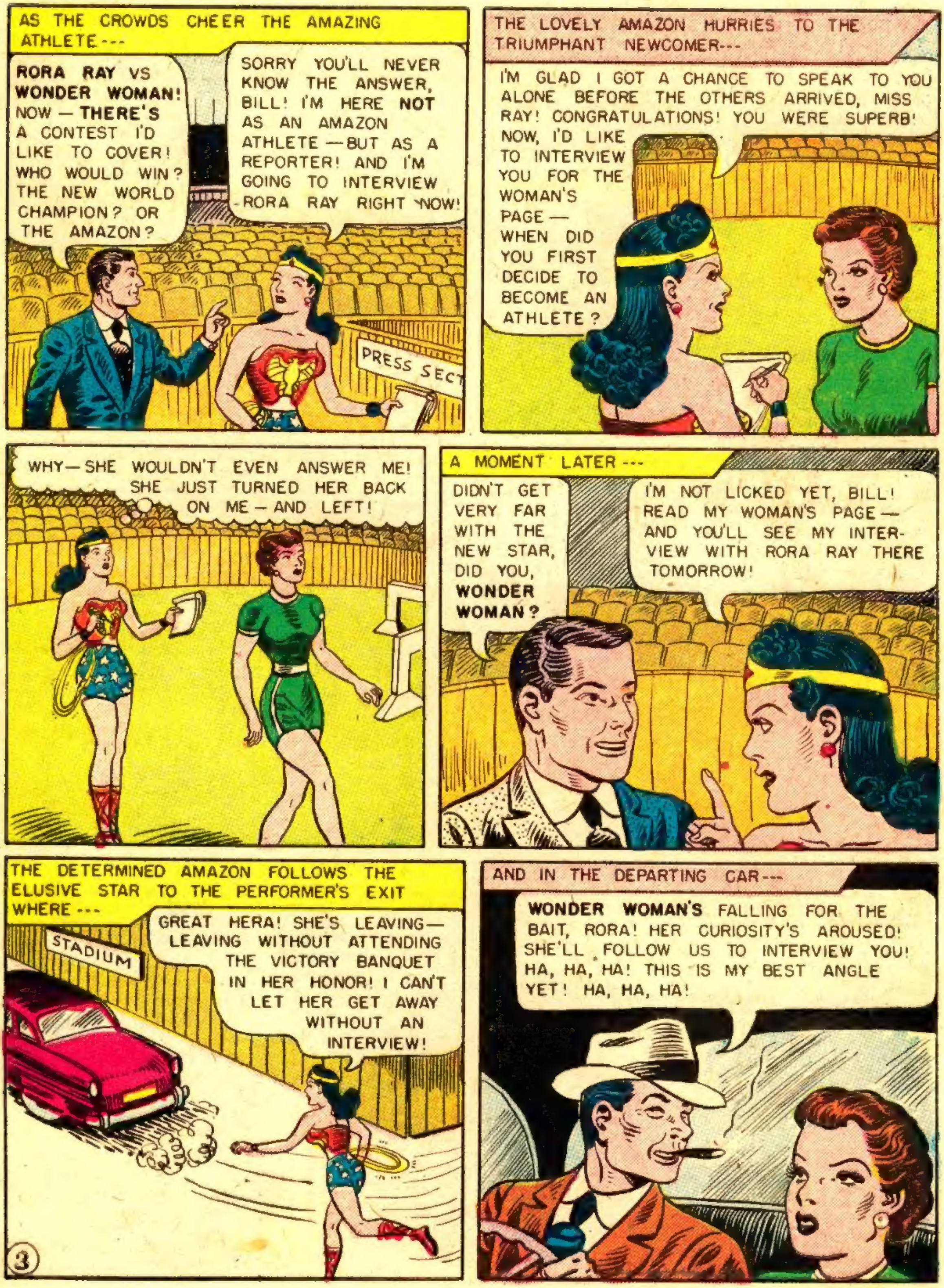
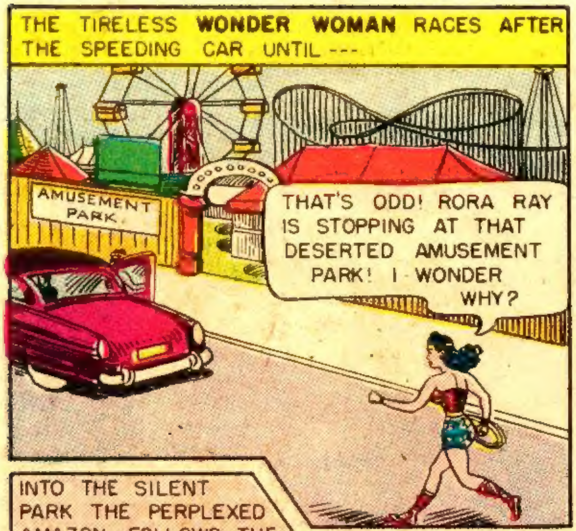
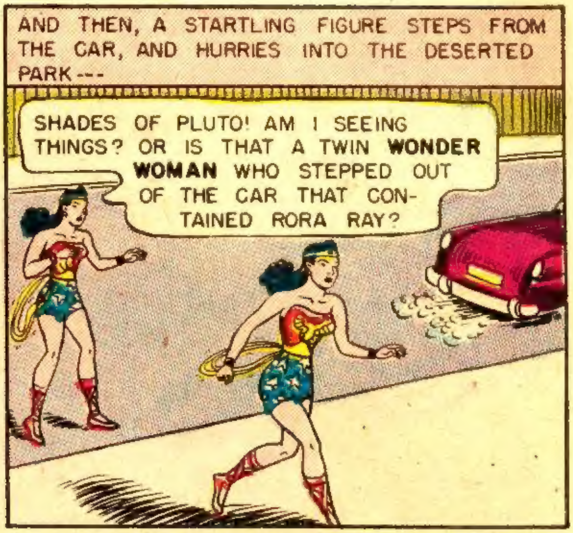
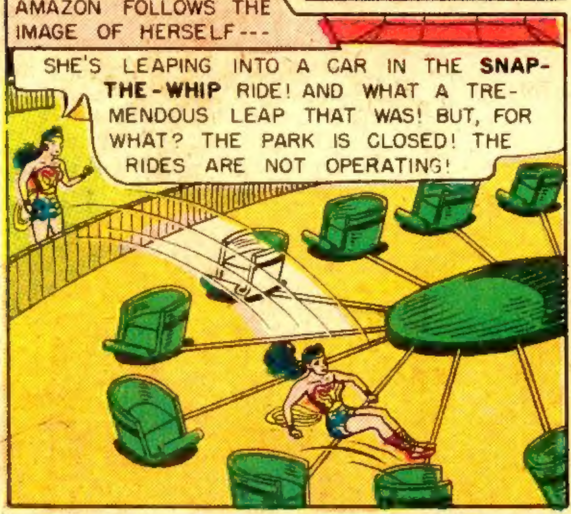
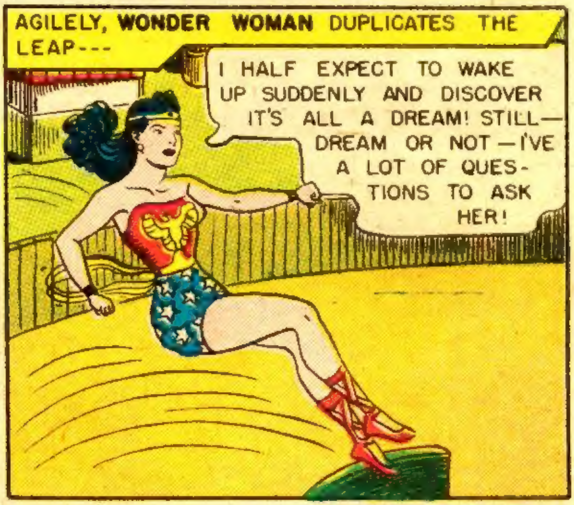
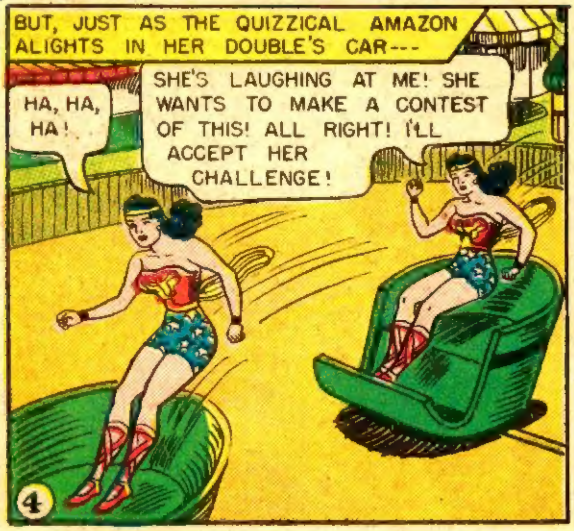

AS THE CROWDS CHEER THE AMAZING ATHLETE---
RORA RAY VS WONDER WOMAN! NOW — THERE'S A CONTEST I'D LIKE TO COVER! WHO WOULD WIN? THE NEW WORLD CHAMPION? OR THE AMAZON?
SORRY YOU'LL NEVER KNOW THE ANSWER, BILL! I'M HERE NOT AS AN AMAZON ATHLETE — BUT AS A REPORTER! AND I'M GOING TO INTERVIEW RORA RAY RIGHT NOW!
PRESS SECT
THE LOVELY AMAZON HURRIES TO THE TRIUMPHANT NEWCOMER---
I'M GLAD I GOT A CHANCE TO SPEAK TO YOU ALONE BEFORE THE OTHERS ARRIVED, MISS RAY! CONGRATULATIONS! YOU WERE SUPERB! NOW, I'D LIKE TO INTERVIEW YOU FOR THE WOMAN'S PAGE — WHEN DID YOU FIRST DECIDE TO BECOME AN ATHLETE?
WHY—SHE WOULDN'T EVEN ANSWER ME! SHE JUST TURNED HER BACK ON ME — AND LEFT!
A MOMENT LATER ---
DIDN'T GET VERY FAR WITH THE NEW STAR, DID YOU, WONDER WOMAN?
I'M NOT LICKED YET, BILL! READ MY WOMAN'S PAGE — AND YOU'LL SEE MY INTERVIEW WITH RORA RAY THERE TOMORROW!
THE DETERMINED AMAZON FOLLOWS THE ELUSIVE STAR TO THE PERFORMER'S EXIT WHERE ---
STADIUM
GREAT HERA! SHE'S LEAVING— LEAVING WITHOUT ATTENDING THE VICTORY BANQUET IN HER HONOR! I CAN'T LET HER GET AWAY WITHOUT AN INTERVIEW!
AND IN THE DEPARTING CAR---
WONDER WOMAN'S FALLING FOR THE BAIT, RORA! HER CURIOSITY'S AROUSED! SHE'LL FOLLOW US TO INTERVIEW YOU! HA, HA, HA! THIS IS MY BEST ANGLE YET! HA, HA, HA!

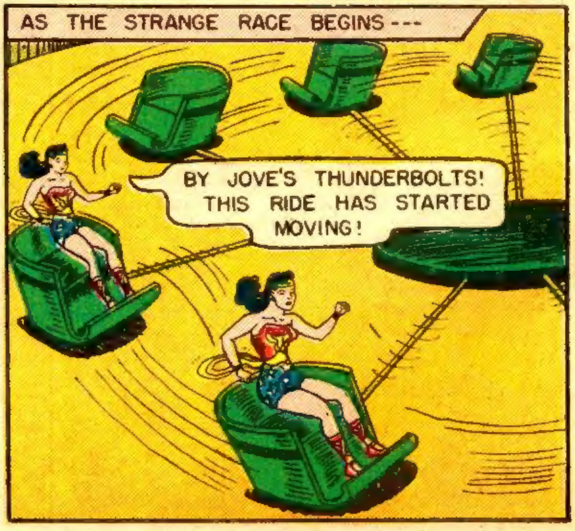

THE TIRELESS **WONDER WOMAN** RACES AFTER THE SPEEDING CAR UNTIL---
AMUSEMENT PARK
THAT'S ODD! RORA RAY IS STOPPING AT THAT DESERTED AMUSEMENT PARK! I WONDER WHY?

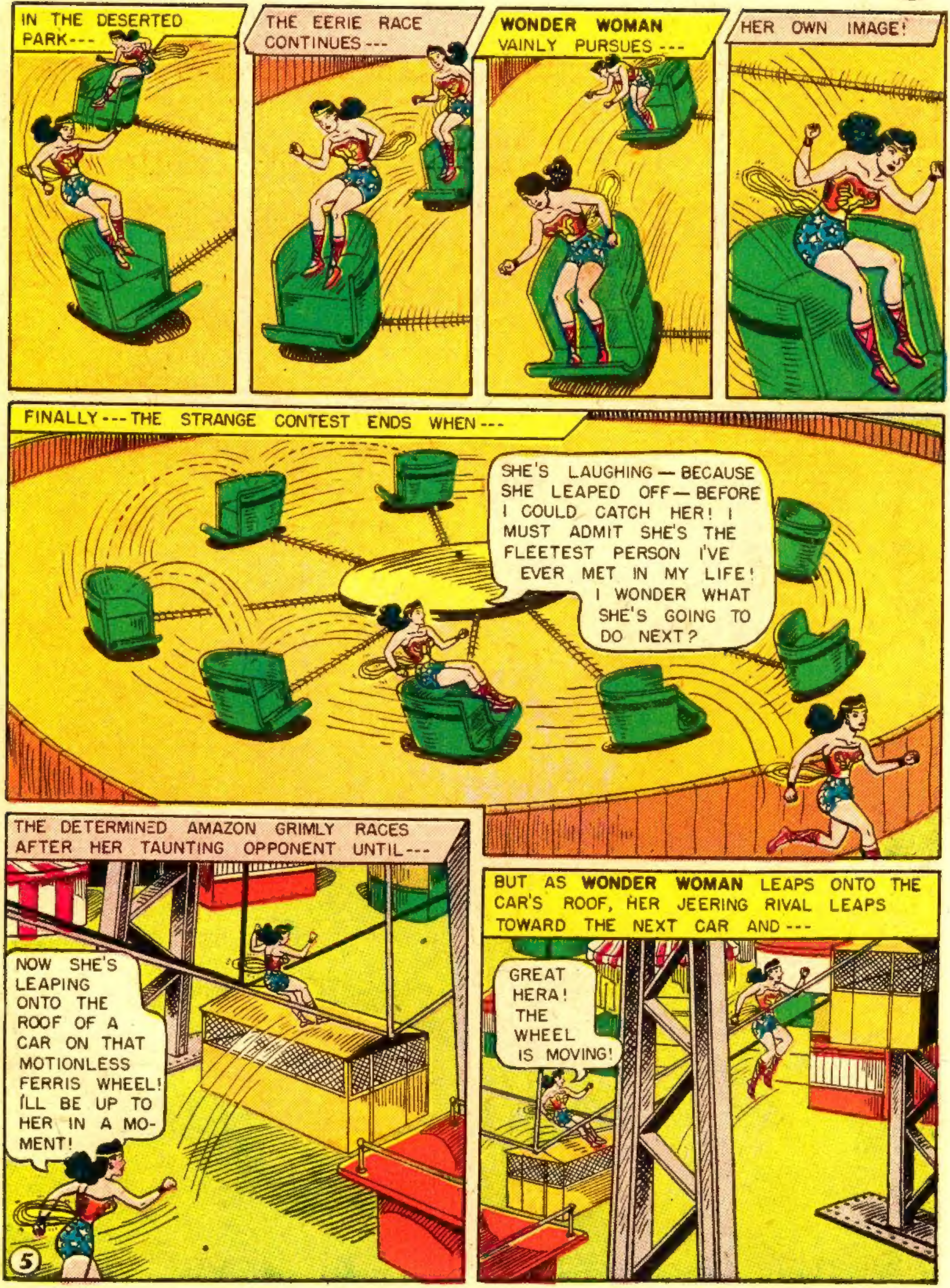

AND THEN, A STARTLING FIGURE STEPS FROM THE CAR, AND HURRIES INTO THE DESERTED PARK---
SHADES OF PLUTO! AM I SEEING THINGS? OR IS THAT A TWIN **WONDER WOMAN** WHO STEPPED OUT OF THE CAR THAT CONTAINED RORA RAY?

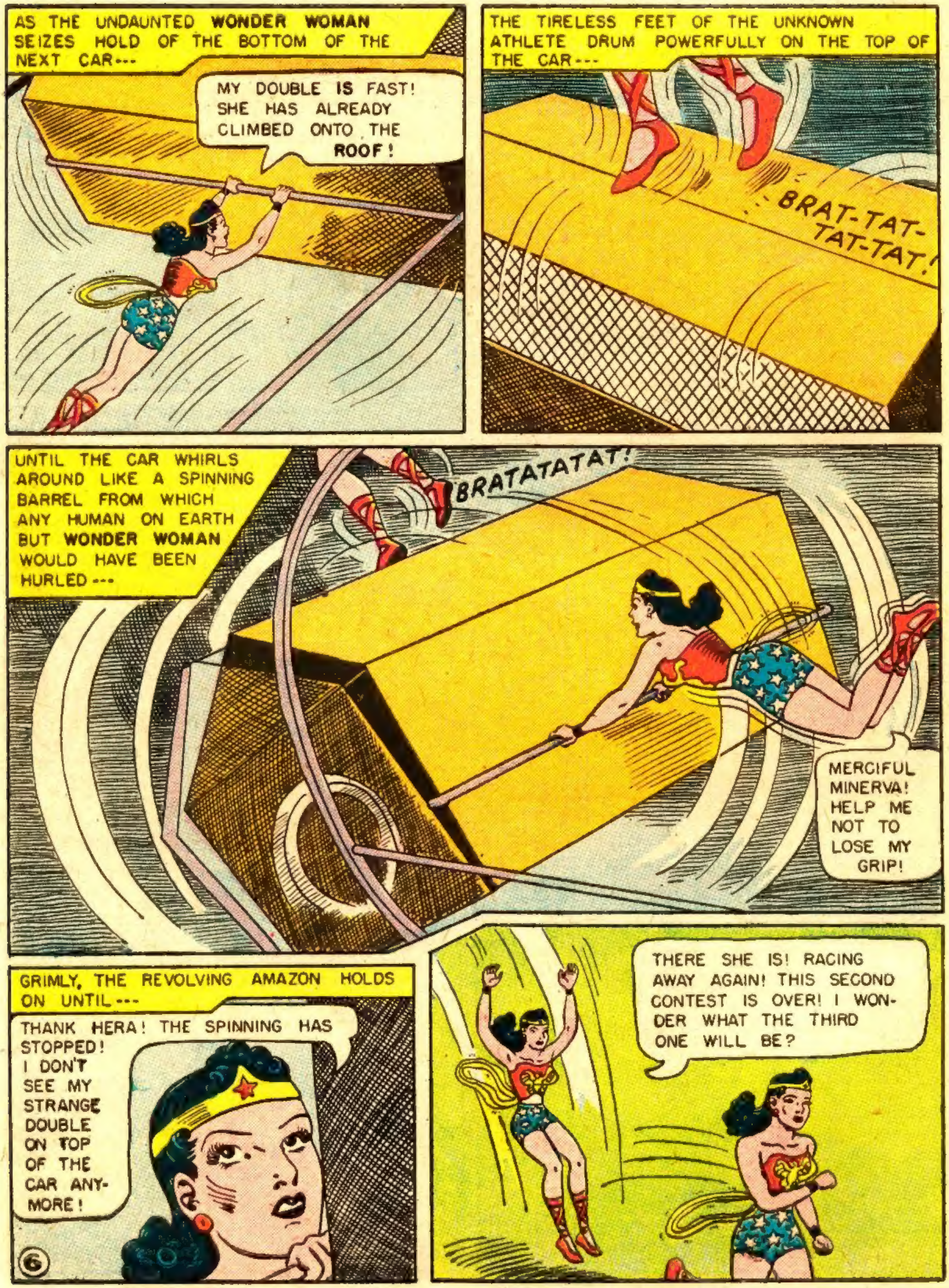

INTO THE SILENT PARK THE PERPLEXED AMAZON FOLLOWS THE IMAGE OF HERSELF---
SHE'S LEAPING INTO A CAR IN THE **SNAP-THE-WHIP** RIDE! AND WHAT A TREMENDOUS LEAP THAT WAS! BUT, FOR WHAT? THE PARK IS CLOSED! THE RIDES ARE NOT OPERATING!

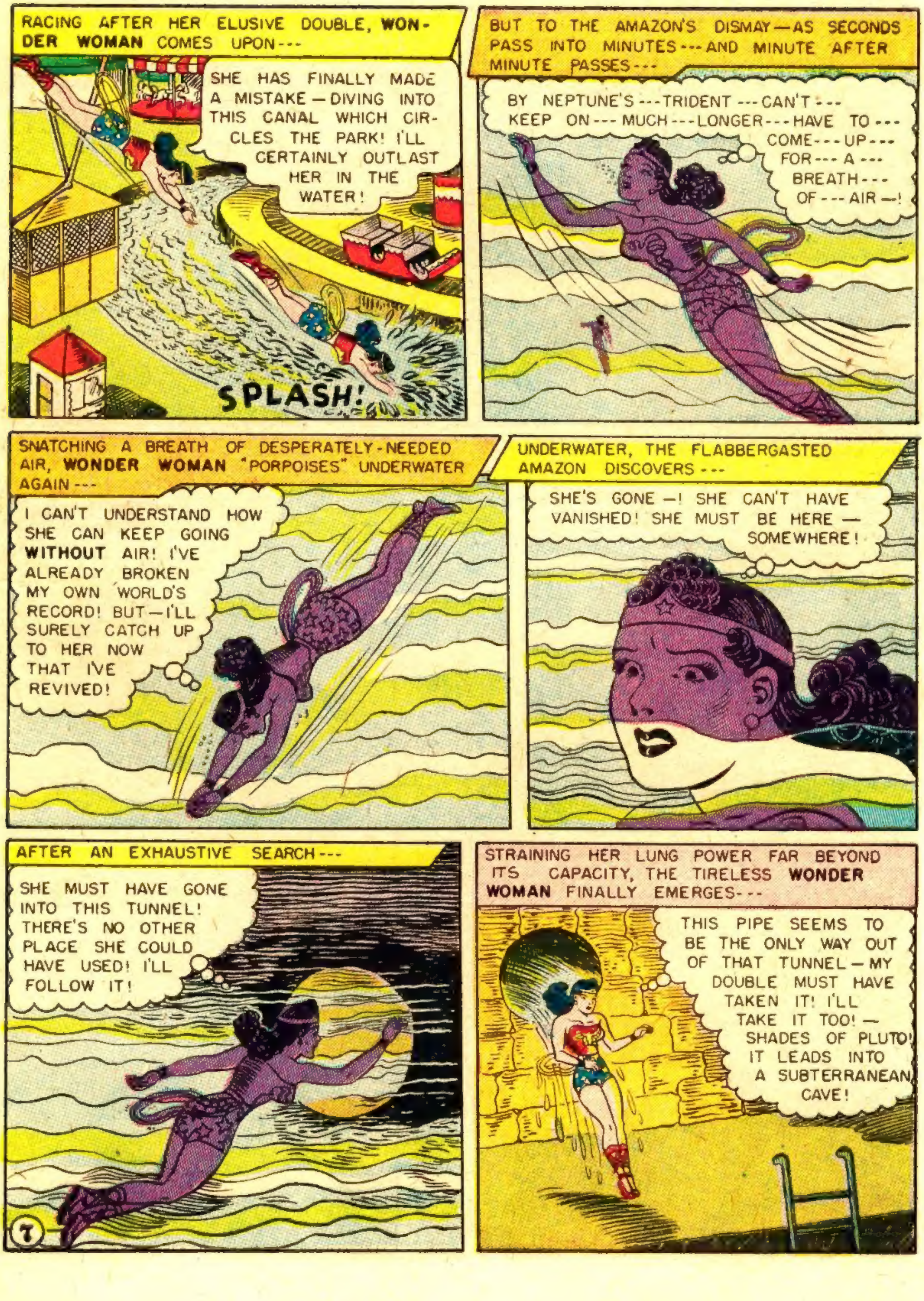

AGILELY, **WONDER WOMAN** DUPLICATES THE LEAP---
I HALF EXPECT TO WAKE UP SUDDENLY AND DISCOVER IT'S ALL A DREAM! STILL—DREAM OR NOT—I'VE A LOT OF QUESTIONS TO ASK HER!

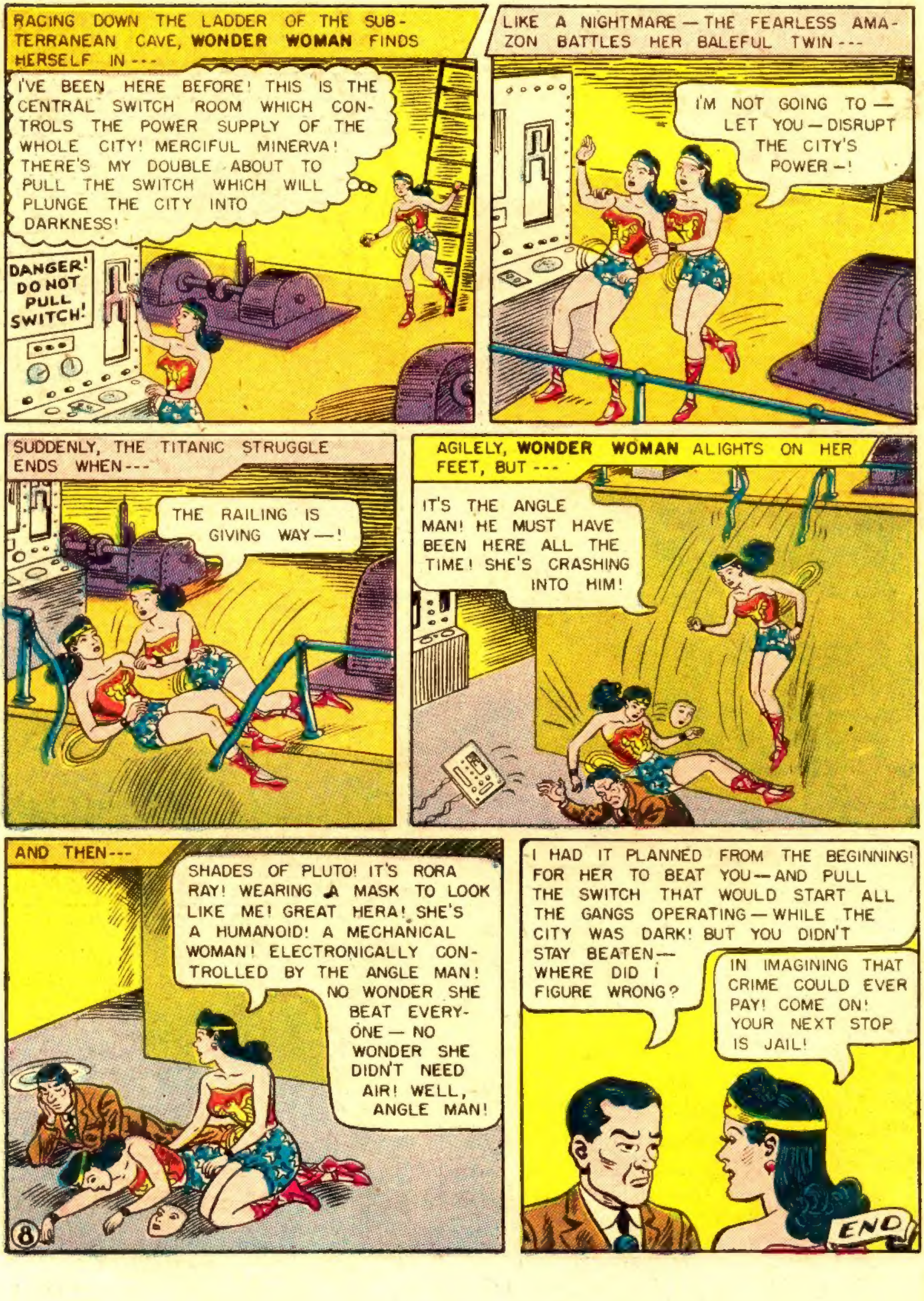

BUT, JUST AS THE QUIZZICAL AMAZON ALIGHTS IN HER DOUBLE'S CAR---
HA, HA, HA!
SHE'S LAUGHING AT ME! SHE WANTS TO MAKE A CONTEST OF THIS! ALL RIGHT! I'LL ACCEPT HER CHALLENGE!


AS THE STRANGE RACE BEGINS---
BY JOVE'S THUNDERBOLTS! THIS RIDE HAS STARTED MOVING!


IN THE DESERTED PARK---
THE EERIE RACE CONTINUES---
WONDER WOMAN VAINLY PURSUES---
HER OWN IMAGE!
FINALLY---THE STRANGE CONTEST ENDS WHEN---
SHE'S LAUGHING—BECAUSE SHE LEAPED OFF—BEFORE I COULD CATCH HER! I MUST ADMIT SHE'S THE FLEETEST PERSON I'VE EVER MET IN MY LIFE! I WONDER WHAT SHE'S GOING TO DO NEXT?
THE DETERMINED AMAZON GRIMLY RACES AFTER HER TAUNTING OPPONENT UNTIL---
NOW SHE'S LEAPING ONTO THE ROOF OF A CAR ON THAT MOTIONLESS FERRIS WHEEL! I'LL BE UP TO HER IN A MOMENT!
BUT AS WONDER WOMAN LEAPS ONTO THE CAR'S ROOF, HER JEERING RIVAL LEAPS TOWARD THE NEXT CAR AND---
GREAT HERA! THE WHEEL IS MOVING!


AS THE UNDAUNTED WONDER WOMAN SEIZES HOLD OF THE BOTTOM OF THE NEXT CAR---
MY DOUBLE IS FAST! SHE HAS ALREADY CLIMBED ONTO THE ROOF!
THE TIRELESS FEET OF THE UNKNOWN ATHLETE DRUM POWERFULLY ON THE TOP OF THE CAR---
BRAT-TAT-TAT-TAT!
UNTIL THE CAR WHIRLS AROUND LIKE A SPINNING BARREL FROM WHICH ANY HUMAN ON EARTH BUT WONDER WOMAN WOULD HAVE BEEN HURLED---
BRATATATAT!
MERCIFUL MINERVA! HELP ME NOT TO LOSE MY GRIP!
GRIMLY, THE REVOLVING AMAZON HOLDS ON UNTIL---
THANK HERA! THE SPINNING HAS STOPPED! I DON'T SEE MY STRANGE DOUBLE ON TOP OF THE CAR ANYMORE!
THERE SHE IS! RACING AWAY AGAIN! THIS SECOND CONTEST IS OVER! I WONDER WHAT THE THIRD ONE WILL BE?


RACING AFTER HER ELUSIVE DOUBLE, WONDER WOMAN COMES UPON---
SHE HAS FINALLY MADE A MISTAKE — DIVING INTO THIS CANAL WHICH CIRCLES THE PARK! I'LL CERTAINLY OUTLAST HER IN THE WATER!
SPLASH!
BUT TO THE AMAZON'S DISMAY — AS SECONDS PASS INTO MINUTES --- AND MINUTE AFTER MINUTE PASSES---
BY NEPTUNE'S --- TRIDENT --- CAN'T --- KEEP ON --- MUCH --- LONGER --- HAVE TO --- COME --- UP --- FOR --- A --- BREATH --- OF --- AIR —!
SNATCHING A BREATH OF DESPERATELY-NEEDED AIR, WONDER WOMAN "PORPOISES" UNDERWATER AGAIN---
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW SHE CAN KEEP GOING WITHOUT AIR! I'VE ALREADY BROKEN MY OWN WORLD'S RECORD! BUT — I'LL SURELY CATCH UP TO HER NOW THAT I'VE REVIVED!
UNDERWATER, THE FLABBERGASTED AMAZON DISCOVERS---
SHE'S GONE —! SHE CAN'T HAVE VANISHED! SHE MUST BE HERE — SOMEWHERE!
AFTER AN EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH---
SHE MUST HAVE GONE INTO THIS TUNNEL! THERE'S NO OTHER PLACE SHE COULD HAVE USED! I'LL FOLLOW IT!
STRAINING HER LUNG POWER FAR BEYOND ITS CAPACITY, THE TIRELESS WONDER WOMAN FINALLY EMERGES---
THIS PIPE SEEMS TO BE THE ONLY WAY OUT OF THAT TUNNEL — MY DOUBLE MUST HAVE TAKEN IT! I'LL TAKE IT TOO! — SHADES OF PLUTO! IT LEADS INTO A SUBTERRANEAN CAVE!


RACING DOWN THE LADDER OF THE SUBTERRANEAN CAVE, WONDER WOMAN FINDS HERSELF IN ---
I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE! THIS IS THE CENTRAL SWITCH ROOM WHICH CONTROLS THE POWER SUPPLY OF THE WHOLE CITY! MERCIFUL MINERVA! THERE'S MY DOUBLE ABOUT TO PULL THE SWITCH WHICH WILL PLUNGE THE CITY INTO DARKNESS!
DANGER! DO NOT PULL SWITCH!
LIKE A NIGHTMARE — THE FEARLESS AMAZON BATTLES HER BALEFUL TWIN ---
I'M NOT GOING TO — LET YOU — DISRUPT THE CITY'S POWER —!
SUDDENLY, THE TITANIC STRUGGLE ENDS WHEN ---
THE RAILING IS GIVING WAY —!
AGILELY, WONDER WOMAN ALIGHTS ON HER FEET, BUT ---
IT'S THE ANGLE MAN! HE MUST HAVE BEEN HERE ALL THE TIME! SHE'S CRASHING INTO HIM!
AND THEN ---
SHADES OF PLUTO! IT'S RORA RAY! WEARING A MASK TO LOOK LIKE ME! GREAT HERA! SHE'S A HUMANOID! A MECHANICAL WOMAN! ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED BY THE ANGLE MAN! NO WONDER SHE BEAT EVERYONE — NO WONDER SHE DIDN'T NEED AIR! WELL, ANGLE MAN!
I HAD IT PLANNED FROM THE BEGINNING! FOR HER TO BEAT YOU — AND PULL THE SWITCH THAT WOULD START ALL THE GANGS OPERATING — WHILE THE CITY WAS DARK! BUT YOU DIDN'T STAY BEATEN — WHERE DID I FIGURE WRONG?
IN IMAGINING THAT CRIME COULD EVER PAY! COME ON! YOUR NEXT STOP IS JAIL!
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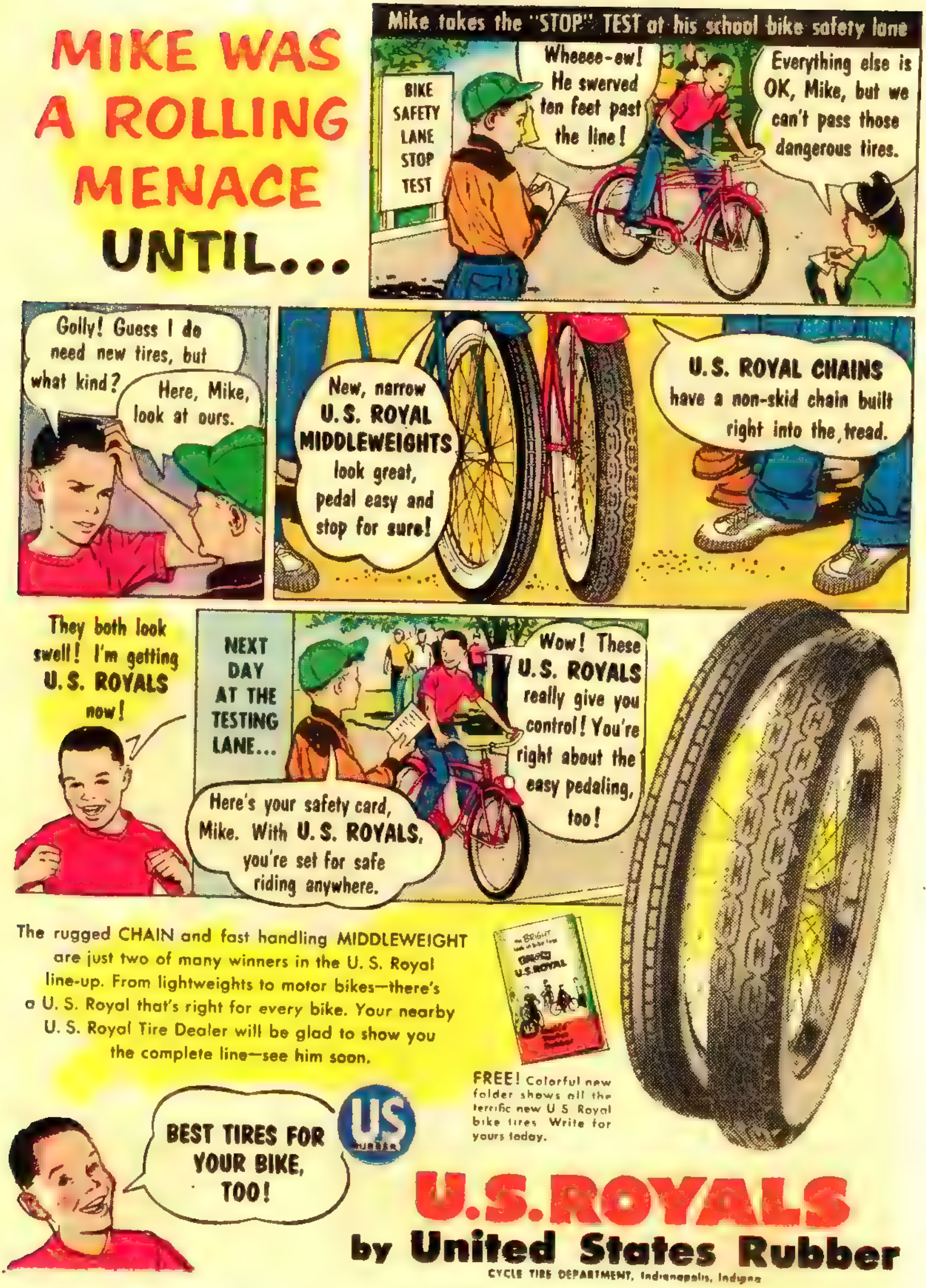
Mike takes the "STOP" TEST at his school bike safety lane
BIKE SAFETY LANE STOP TEST
Wheeee-ew! He swerved ten feet past the line!
Everything else is OK, Mike, but we can't pass those dangerous tires.
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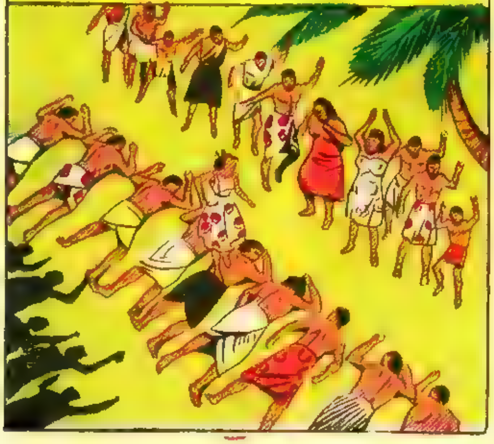
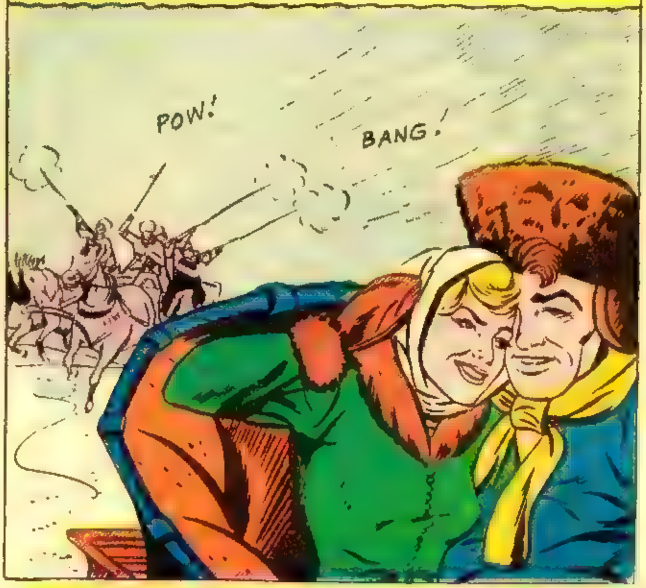
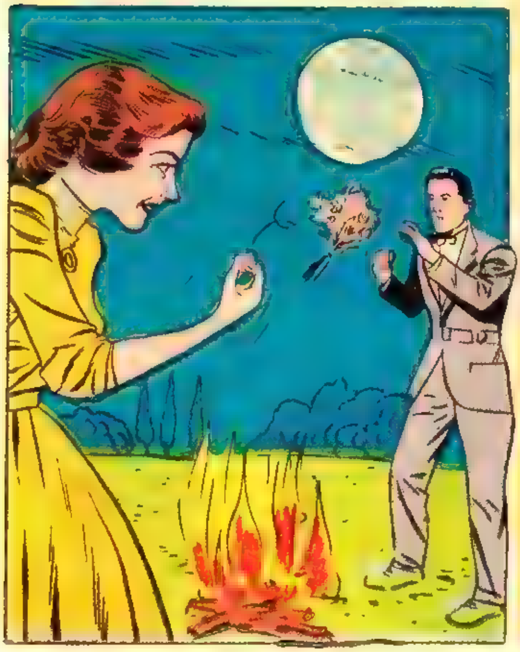


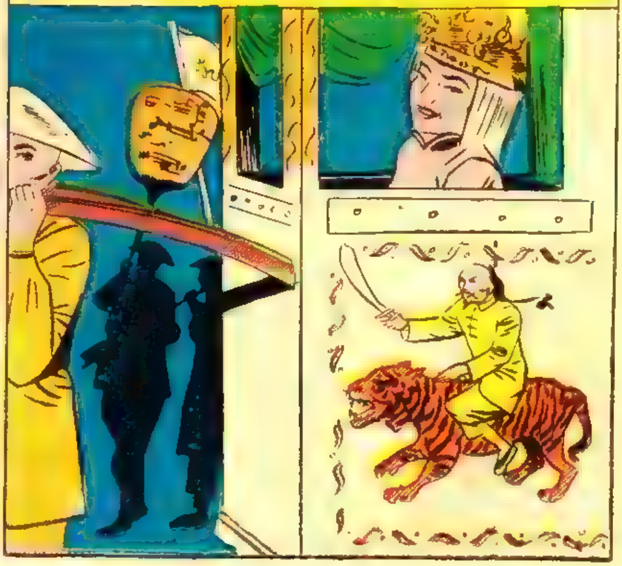
FOLLOWING A WEDDING IN NORTHERN SIBERIA, THE GUESTS ACCOMPANIED THE BRIDE AND GROOM AS THEY RODE OFF IN SLEDGES TO THEIR NEW HOME. IT WAS THE GUESTS' DUTY TO FIRE OFF GUNS AND DRIVE AWAY ANY LURKING SPIRITS THAT MIGHT TRY TO HARM THE NEWLYWEDS...



A POPULAR MIDSUMMER NIGHT (JUNE 23) CUSTOM OF PAST TIMES WAS FOR ENGAGED COUPLES TO THROW FLOWERS TO EACH OTHER ACROSS A FIRE, IN THE BELIEF THAT THIS WOULD INSURE THEM A HAPPY MARRIED LIFE...



IN FOOCHOW, CHINA, THE SEDAN THAT CARRIED THE BRIDE TO THE WEDDING CEREMONY WAS PAINTED WITH A PICTURE OF A FIERCE-LOOKING MAN, ASTRIDE A TIGER. A SWORD HELD IN THE MAN'S HAND WAS SUPPOSED TO KEEP AWAY EVIL INFLUENCES FROM THE BRIDE...



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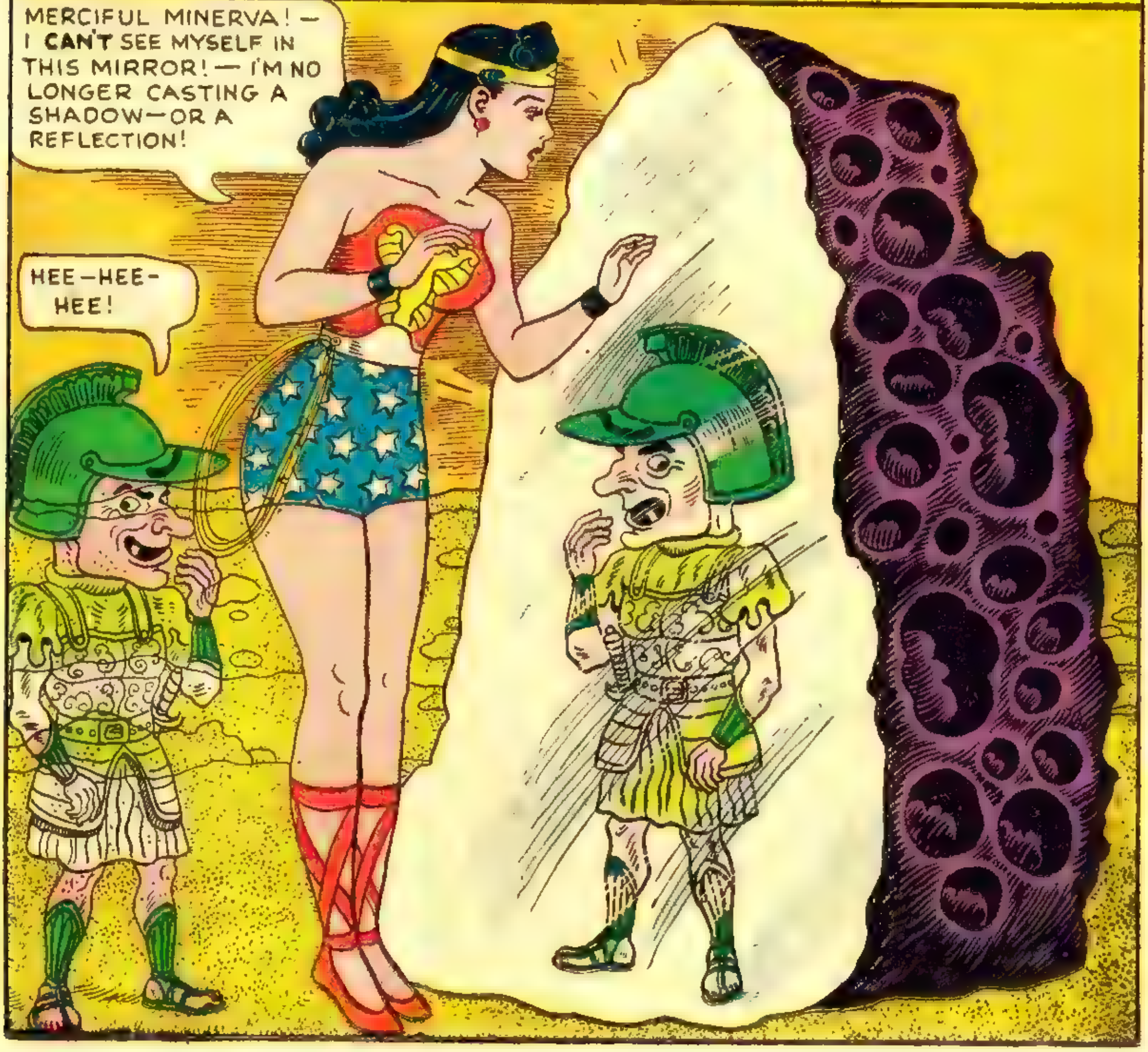
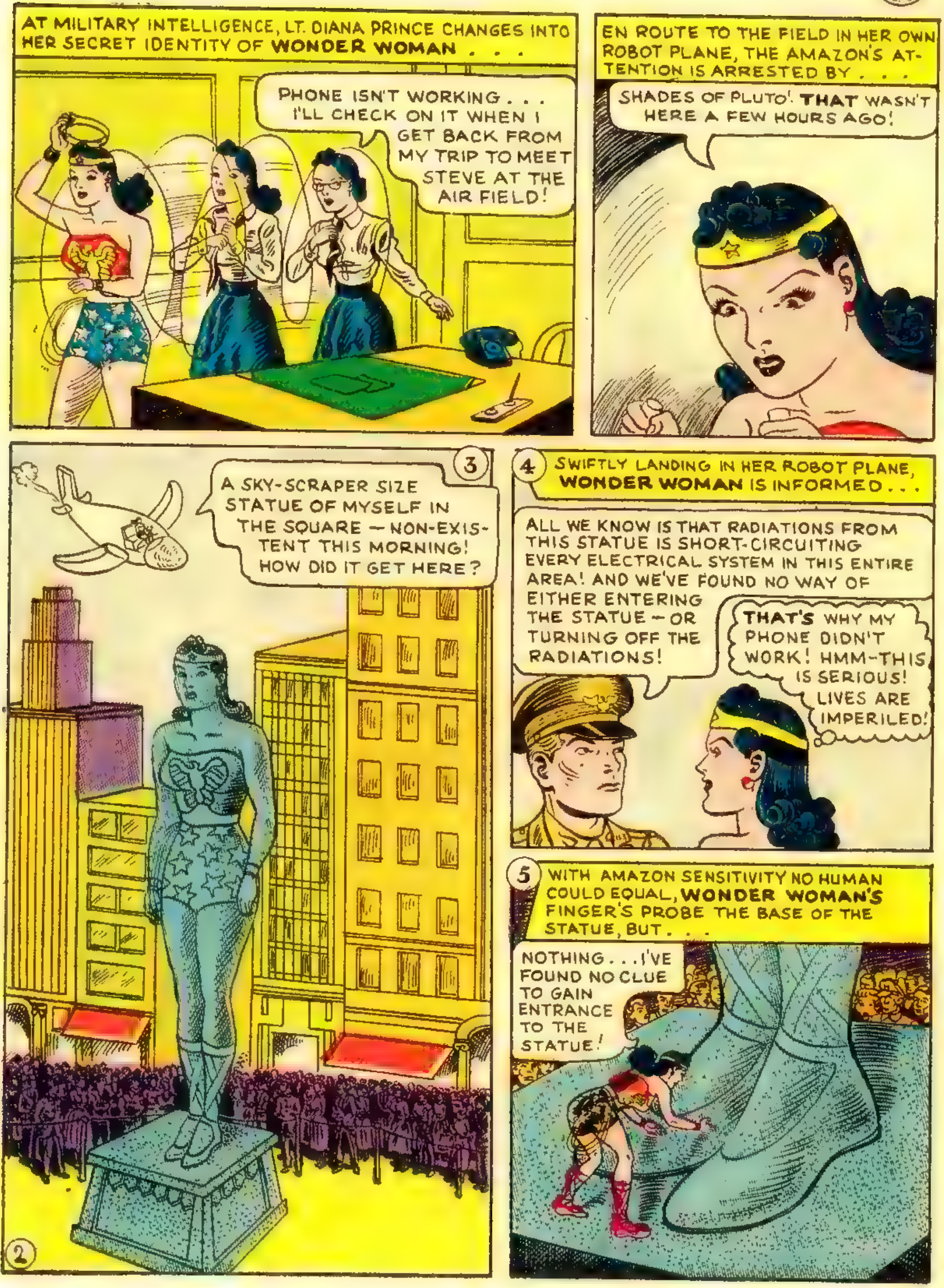
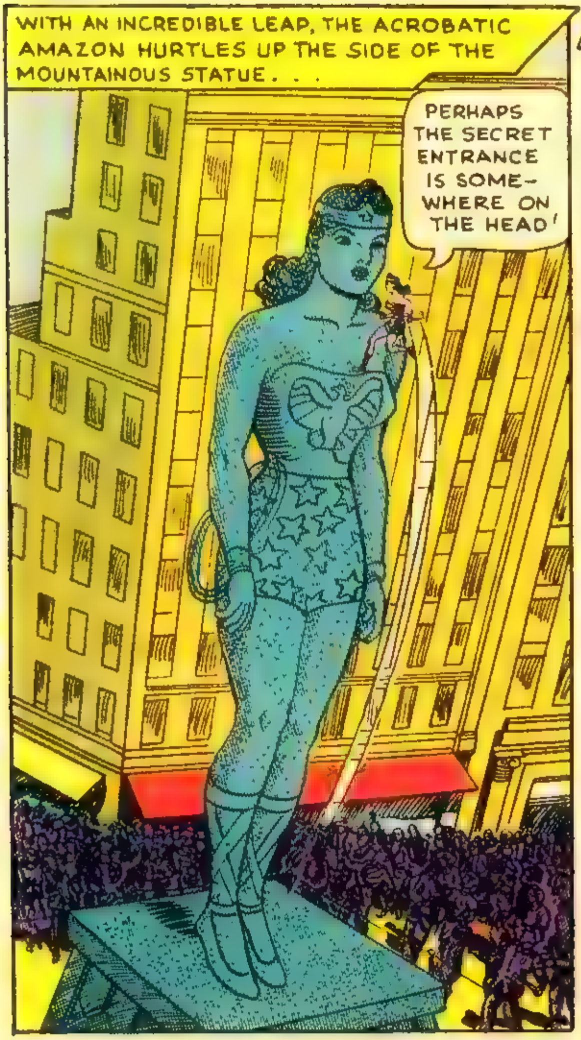
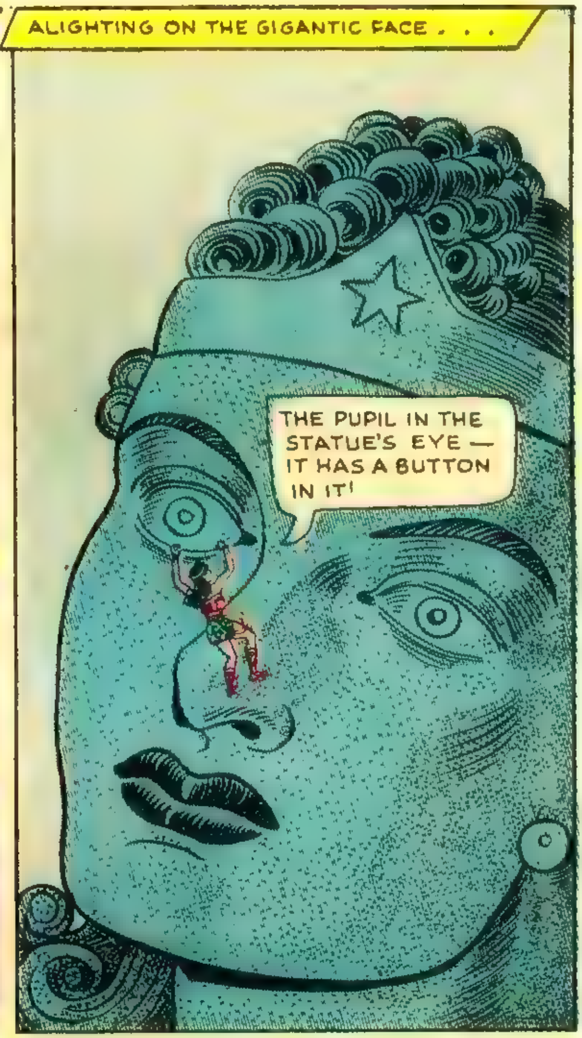
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HER ADVENTURE-STUDDED CAREER, **WONDER WOMAN**-BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, SWIFTER THAN MERCURY, AND STRONGER THAN HERCULES-MUST PROVE THAT SHE IS **REAL**! IF SHE DOESN'T- THE WORLD IS DOOMED! IT SEEMS LIKE AN EASY TASK! BUT, THE TIRELESS AMAZON FINDS IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE-ON . . .

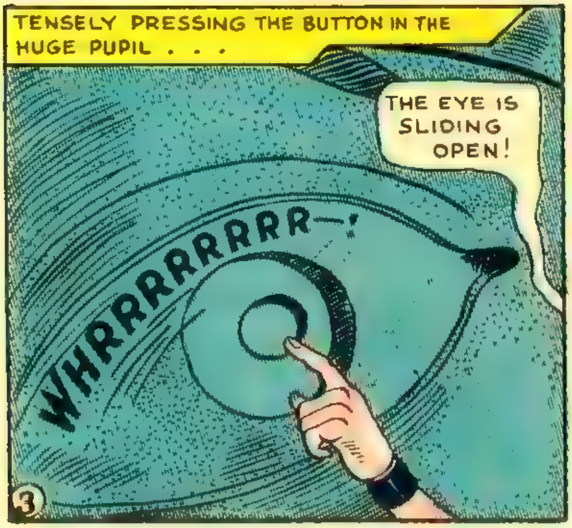
The PLANET of ILLUSION!

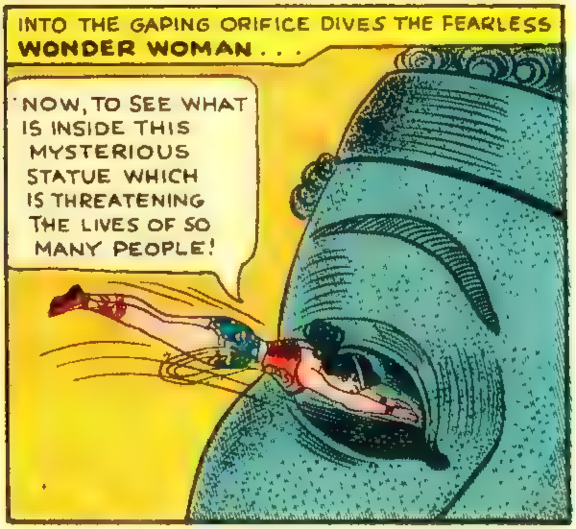

MERCIFUL MINERVA! — I CAN'T SEE MYSELF IN THIS MIRROR! — I'M NO LONGER CASTING A SHADOW—OR A REFLECTION!
HEE-HEE-HEE!

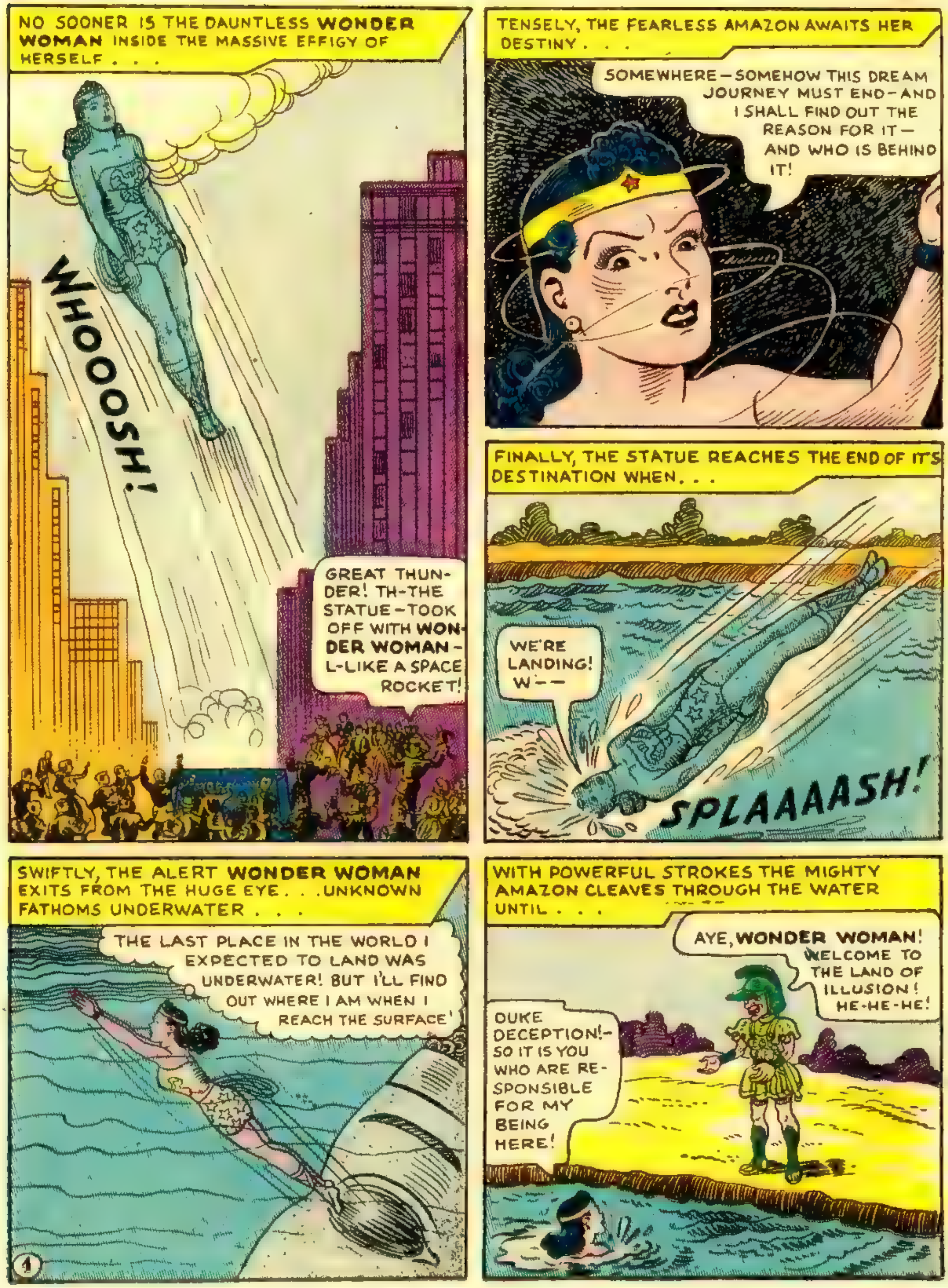

AT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, LT. DIANA PRINCE CHANGES INTO HER SECRET IDENTITY OF **WONDER WOMAN** . . .
PHONE ISN'T WORKING . . . I'LL CHECK ON IT WHEN I GET BACK FROM MY TRIP TO MEET STEVE AT THE AIR FIELD!
EN ROUTE TO THE FIELD IN HER OWN ROBOT PLANE, THE AMAZON'S ATTENTION IS ARRESTED BY . . .
SHADES OF PLUTO! **THAT** WASN'T HERE A FEW HOURS AGO!
③
A SKY-SCRAPER SIZE STATUE OF MYSELF IN THE SQUARE — NON-EXISTENT THIS MORNING! HOW DID IT GET HERE?
②
④ SWIFTLY LANDING IN HER ROBOT PLANE, **WONDER WOMAN** IS INFORMED . . .
ALL WE KNOW IS THAT RADIATIONS FROM THIS STATUE IS SHORT-CIRCUITING EVERY ELECTRICAL SYSTEM IN THIS ENTIRE AREA! AND WE'VE FOUND NO WAY OF EITHER ENTERING THE STATUE — OR TURNING OFF THE RADIATIONS!
THAT'S WHY MY PHONE DIDN'T WORK! HMM—THIS IS SERIOUS! LIVES ARE IMPERILED!
⑤ WITH AMAZON SENSITIVITY NO HUMAN COULD EQUAL, **WONDER WOMAN'S** FINGER'S PROBE THE BASE OF THE STATUE, BUT . . .
NOTHING . . . I'VE FOUND NO CLUE TO GAIN ENTRANCE TO THE STATUE!

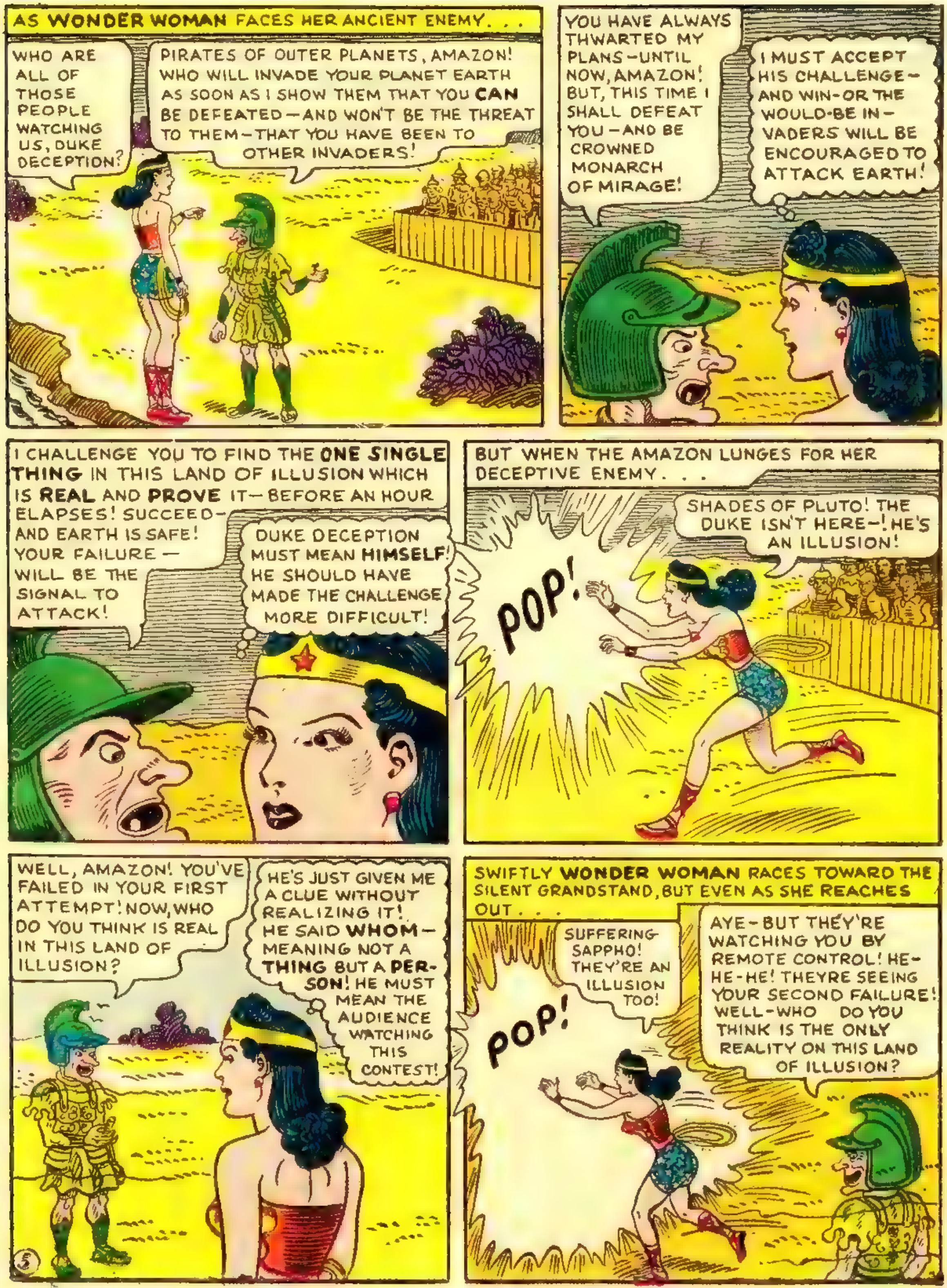

WITH AN INCREDIBLE LEAP, THE ACROBATIC AMAZON HURTLES UP THE SIDE OF THE MOUNTAINOUS STATUE . . .
PERHAPS THE SECRET ENTRANCE IS SOMEWHERE ON THE HEAD!

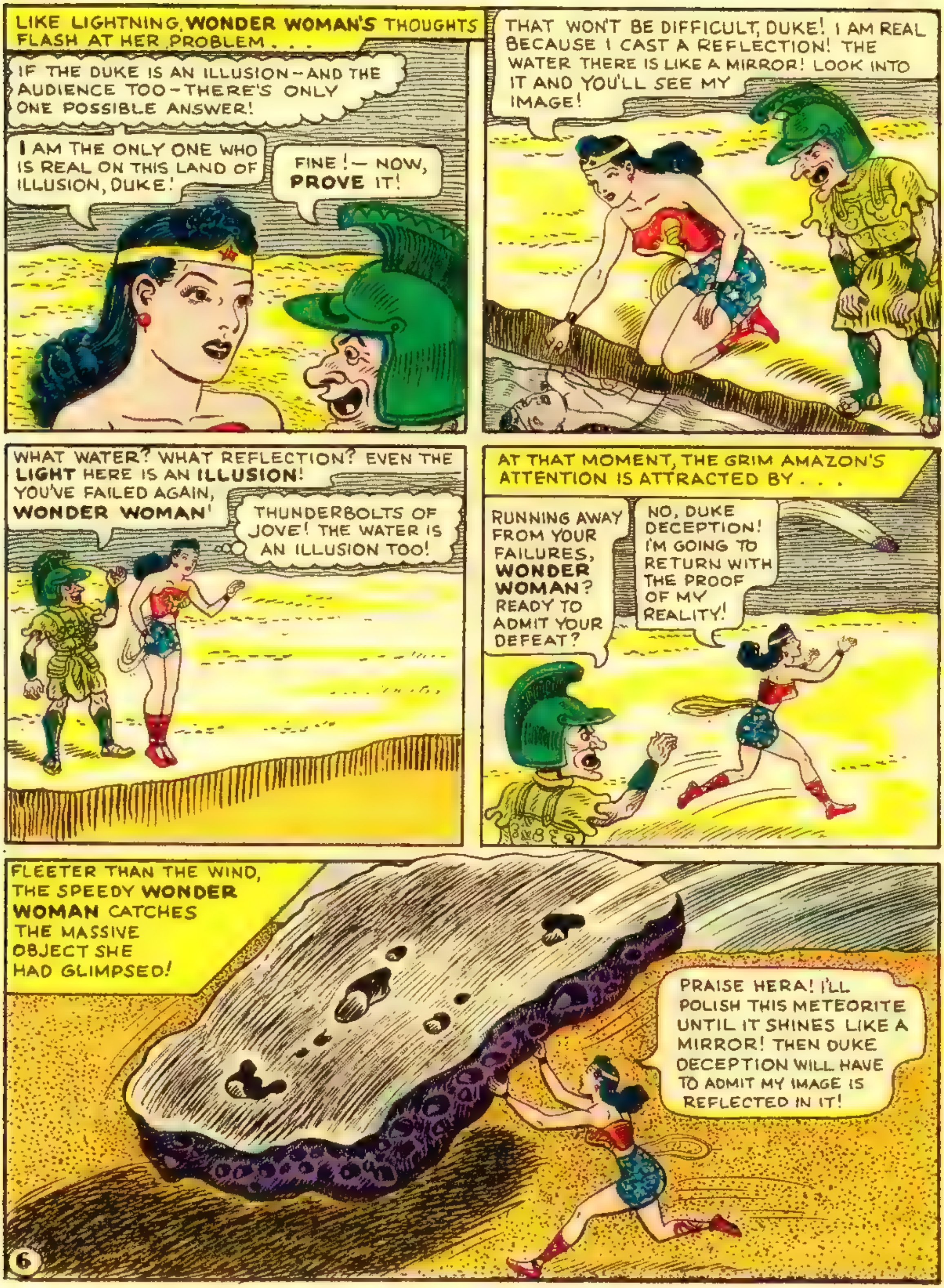

ALIGHTING ON THE GIGANTIC FACE . . .
THE PUPIL IN THE STATUE'S EYE — IT HAS A BUTTON IN IT!

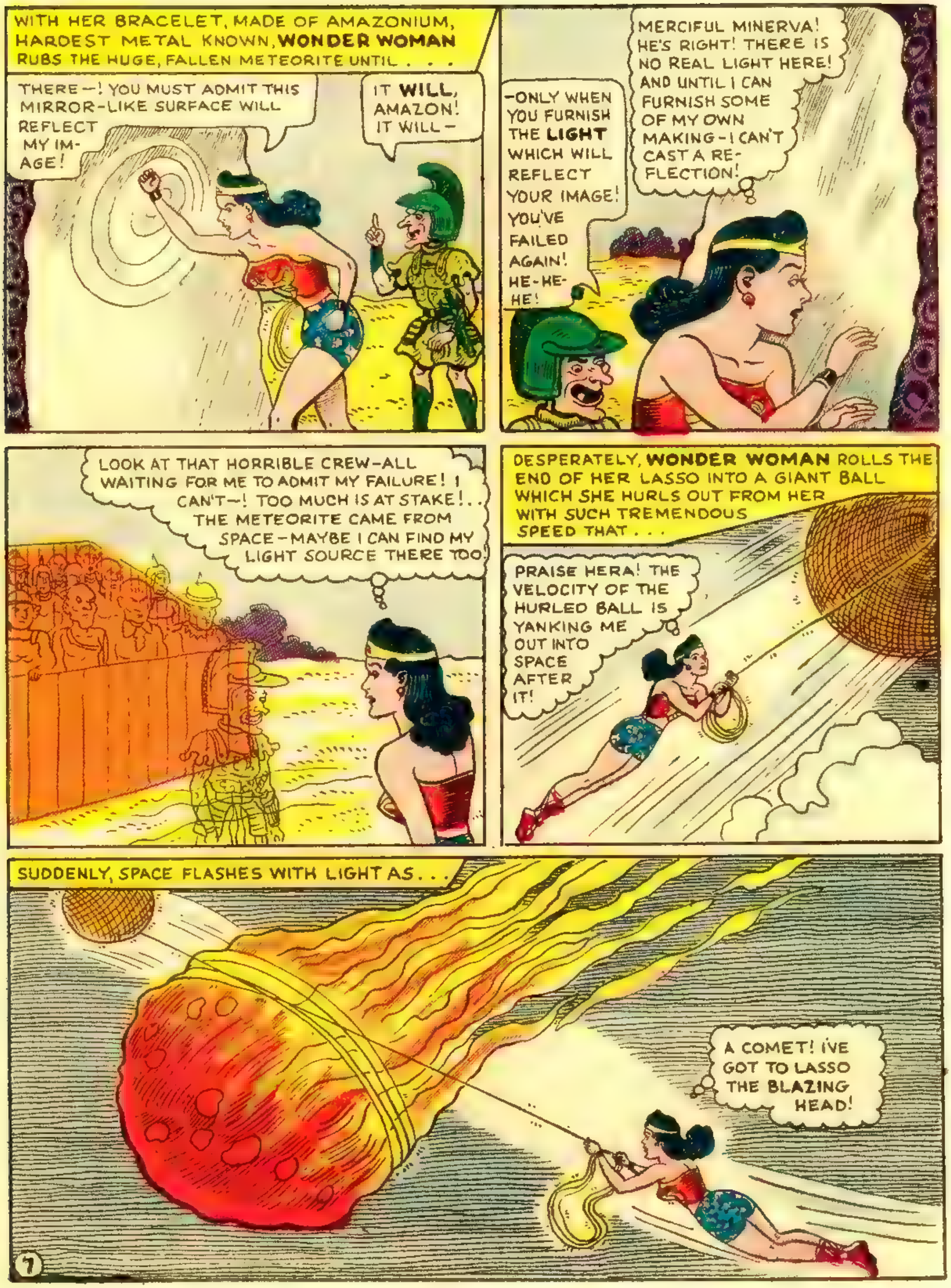

TENSELY PRESSING THE BUTTON IN THE HUGE PUPIL . . .
THE EYE IS SLIDING OPEN!
WHRRRRRRRR—!


INTO THE GAPING ORIFICE DIVES THE FEARLESS WONDER WOMAN . . .
NOW, TO SEE WHAT IS INSIDE THIS MYSTERIOUS STATUE WHICH IS THREATENING THE LIVES OF SO MANY PEOPLE!


NO SOONER IS THE DAUNTLESS **WONDER WOMAN** INSIDE THE MASSIVE EFFIGY OF HERSELF . . .
WHOOOOSH!
GREAT THUNDER! TH-THE STATUE-TOOK OFF WITH **WONDER WOMAN**-L-LIKE A SPACE ROCKET!
TENSELY, THE FEARLESS AMAZON AWAITS HER DESTINY . . .
SOMEWHERE-SOMEHOW THIS DREAM JOURNEY MUST END-AND I SHALL FIND OUT THE REASON FOR IT-AND WHO IS BEHIND IT!
FINALLY, THE STATUE REACHES THE END OF IT'S DESTINATION WHEN. . .
WE'RE LANDING! W--
SPLAAAASH!
SWIFTLY, THE ALERT **WONDER WOMAN** EXITS FROM THE HUGE EYE. . .UNKNOWN FATHOMS UNDERWATER . . .
THE LAST PLACE IN THE WORLD I EXPECTED TO LAND WAS UNDERWATER! BUT I'LL FIND OUT WHERE I AM WHEN I REACH THE SURFACE'
WITH POWERFUL STROKES THE MIGHTY AMAZON CLEAVES THROUGH THE WATER UNTIL . . .
AYE, **WONDER WOMAN**! WELCOME TO THE LAND OF ILLUSION! HE-HE-HE!
DUKE DECEPTION!-SO IT IS YOU WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MY BEING HERE!


AS WONDER WOMAN FACES HER ANCIENT ENEMY . . .
WHO ARE ALL OF THOSE PEOPLE WATCHING US, DUKE DECEPTION?
PIRATES OF OUTER PLANETS, AMAZON! WHO WILL INVADE YOUR PLANET EARTH AS SOON AS I SHOW THEM THAT YOU CAN BE DEFEATED—AND WON'T BE THE THREAT TO THEM—THAT YOU HAVE BEEN TO OTHER INVADERS!
YOU HAVE ALWAYS THWARTED MY PLANS—UNTIL NOW, AMAZON! BUT, THIS TIME I SHALL DEFEAT YOU—AND BE CROWNED MONARCH OF MIRAGE!
I MUST ACCEPT HIS CHALLENGE—AND WIN—OR THE WOULD-BE INVADERS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO ATTACK EARTH!
I CHALLENGE YOU TO FIND THE ONE SINGLE THING IN THIS LAND OF ILLUSION WHICH IS REAL AND PROVE IT—BEFORE AN HOUR ELAPSES! SUCCEED—AND EARTH IS SAFE! YOUR FAILURE—WILL BE THE SIGNAL TO ATTACK!
DUKE DECEPTION MUST MEAN HIMSELF! HE SHOULD HAVE MADE THE CHALLENGE MORE DIFFICULT!
BUT WHEN THE AMAZON LUNGES FOR HER DECEPTIVE ENEMY . . .
SHADES OF PLUTO! THE DUKE ISN'T HERE—! HE'S AN ILLUSION!
POP!
WELL, AMAZON! YOU'VE FAILED IN YOUR FIRST ATTEMPT! NOW, WHO DO YOU THINK IS REAL IN THIS LAND OF ILLUSION?
HE'S JUST GIVEN ME A CLUE WITHOUT REALIZING IT! HE SAID WHOM—MEANING NOT A THING BUT A PERSON! HE MUST MEAN THE AUDIENCE WATCHING THIS CONTEST!
SWIFTLY WONDER WOMAN RACES TOWARD THE SILENT GRANDSTAND, BUT EVEN AS SHE REACHES OUT . . .
SUFFERING SAPPHO! THEY'RE AN ILLUSION TOO!
AYE—BUT THEY'RE WATCHING YOU BY REMOTE CONTROL! HE-HE-HE! THEYRE SEEING YOUR SECOND FAILURE! WELL—WHO DO YOU THINK IS THE ONLY REALITY ON THIS LAND OF ILLUSION?
POP!


LIKE LIGHTNING, WONDER WOMAN'S THOUGHTS FLASH AT HER PROBLEM . . .
IF THE DUKE IS AN ILLUSION—AND THE AUDIENCE TOO—THERE'S ONLY ONE POSSIBLE ANSWER!
I AM THE ONLY ONE WHO IS REAL ON THIS LAND OF ILLUSION, DUKE!
FINE!— NOW, PROVE IT!
THAT WON'T BE DIFFICULT, DUKE! I AM REAL BECAUSE I CAST A REFLECTION! THE WATER THERE IS LIKE A MIRROR! LOOK INTO IT AND YOU'LL SEE MY IMAGE!
WHAT WATER? WHAT REFLECTION? EVEN THE LIGHT HERE IS AN ILLUSION! YOU'VE FAILED AGAIN, WONDER WOMAN!
THUNDERBOLTS OF JOVE! THE WATER IS AN ILLUSION TOO!
AT THAT MOMENT, THE GRIM AMAZON'S ATTENTION IS ATTRACTED BY . . .
RUNNING AWAY FROM YOUR FAILURES, WONDER WOMAN? READY TO ADMIT YOUR DEFEAT?
NO, DUKE DECEPTION! I'M GOING TO RETURN WITH THE PROOF OF MY REALITY!
FLEETER THAN THE WIND, THE SPEEDY WONDER WOMAN CATCHES THE MASSIVE OBJECT SHE HAD GLIMPSED!
PRAISE HERA! I'LL POLISH THIS METEORITE UNTIL IT SHINES LIKE A MIRROR! THEN DUKE DECEPTION WILL HAVE TO ADMIT MY IMAGE IS REFLECTED IN IT!


WITH HER BRACELET, MADE OF AMAZONIUM, HARDEST METAL KNOWN, **WONDER WOMAN** RUBS THE HUGE, FALLEN METEORITE UNTIL . . .
THERE—! YOU MUST ADMIT THIS MIRROR-LIKE SURFACE WILL REFLECT MY IMAGE!
IT **WILL**, AMAZON! IT WILL—
—ONLY WHEN YOU FURNISH THE **LIGHT** WHICH WILL REFLECT YOUR IMAGE! YOU'VE FAILED AGAIN! HE-HE-HE!
MERCIFUL MINERVA! HE'S RIGHT! THERE IS NO REAL LIGHT HERE! AND UNTIL I CAN FURNISH SOME OF MY OWN MAKING—I CAN'T CAST A REFLECTION!
LOOK AT THAT HORRIBLE CREW—ALL WAITING FOR ME TO ADMIT MY FAILURE! I CAN'T—! TOO MUCH IS AT STAKE!.. THE METEORITE CAME FROM SPACE—MAYBE I CAN FIND MY LIGHT SOURCE THERE TOO!
DESPERATELY, **WONDER WOMAN** ROLLS THE END OF HER LASSO INTO A GIANT BALL WHICH SHE HURLS OUT FROM HER WITH SUCH TREMENDOUS SPEED THAT . . .
PRAISE HERA! THE VELOCITY OF THE HURLED BALL IS YANKING ME OUT INTO SPACE AFTER IT!
SUDDENLY, SPACE FLASHES WITH LIGHT AS . . .
A COMET! I'VE GOT TO LASSO THE **BLAZING** HEAD!
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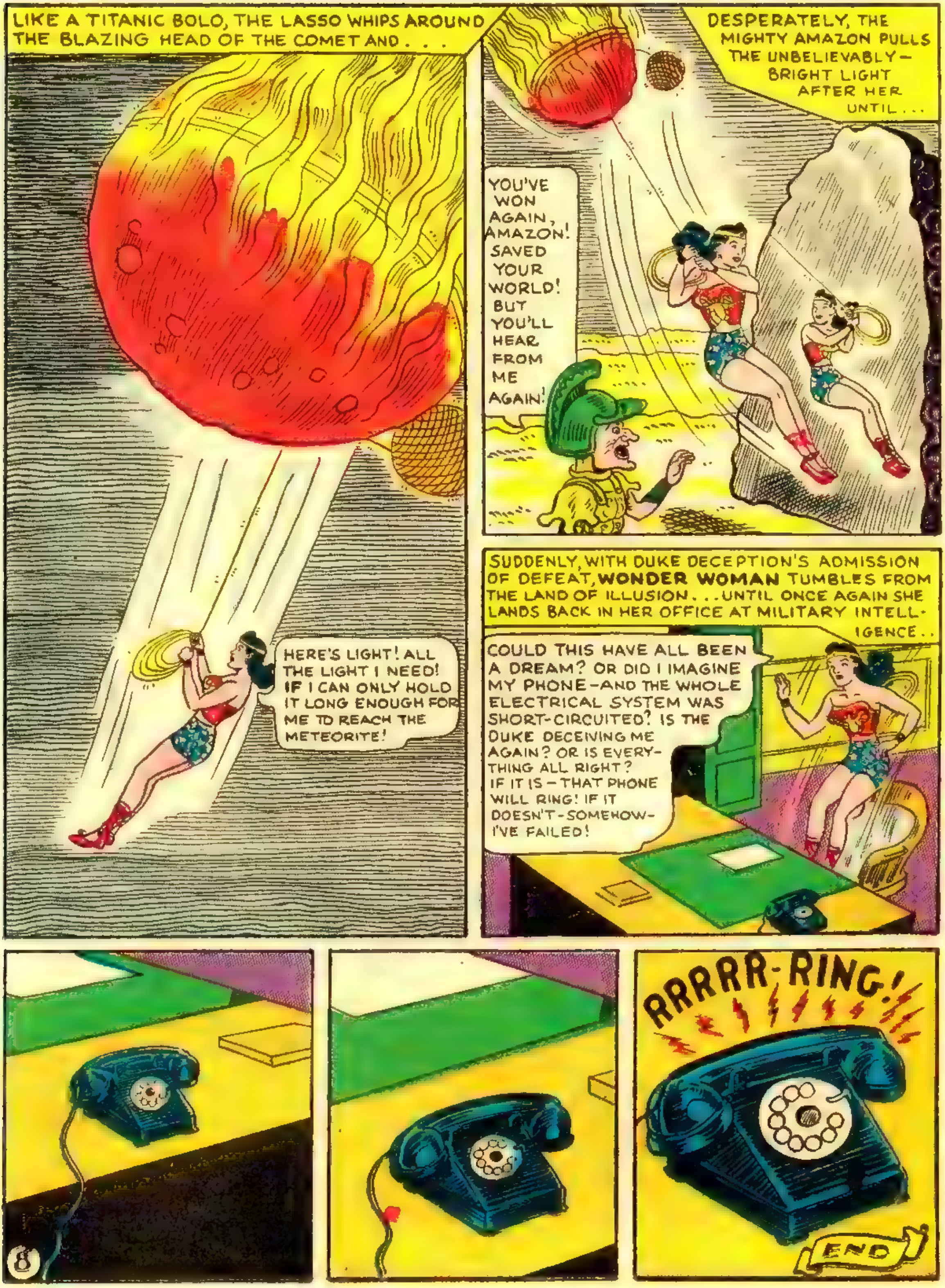
LIKE A TITANIC BOLO, THE LASSO WHIPS AROUND THE BLAZING HEAD OF THE COMET AND . . .
HERE'S LIGHT! ALL THE LIGHT I NEED! IF I CAN ONLY HOLD IT LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO REACH THE METEORITE!
DESPERATELY, THE MIGHTY AMAZON PULLS THE UNBELIEVABLY-BRIGHT LIGHT AFTER HER UNTIL . . .
YOU'VE WON AGAIN, AMAZON! SAVED YOUR WORLD! BUT YOU'LL HEAR FROM ME AGAIN!
SUDDENLY, WITH DUKE DECEPTION'S ADMISSION OF DEFEAT, WONDER WOMAN TUMBLES FROM THE LAND OF ILLUSION. . .UNTIL ONCE AGAIN SHE LANDS BACK IN HER OFFICE AT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE . .
COULD THIS HAVE ALL BEEN A DREAM? OR DID I IMAGINE MY PHONE-AND THE WHOLE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM WAS SHORT-CIRCUITED? IS THE DUKE DECEIVING ME AGAIN? OR IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT? IF IT IS - THAT PHONE WILL RING! IF IT DOESN'T - SOMEHOW - I'VE FAILED!
RRRRR-RING!
END

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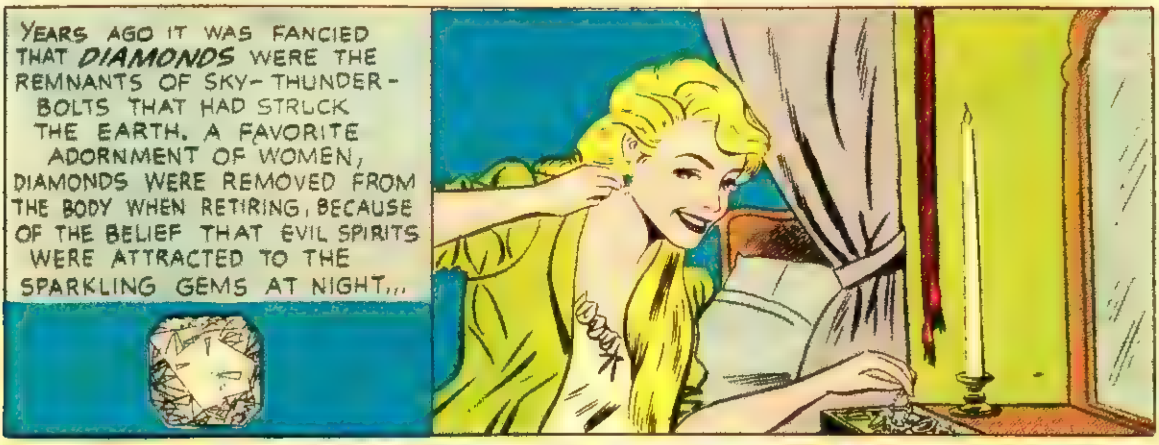
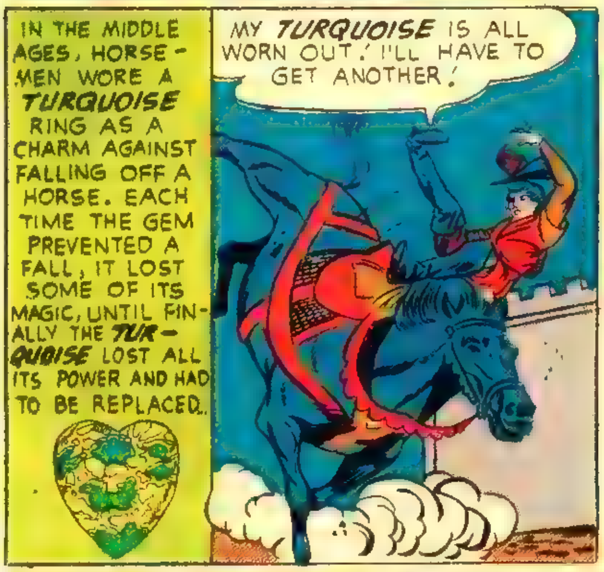
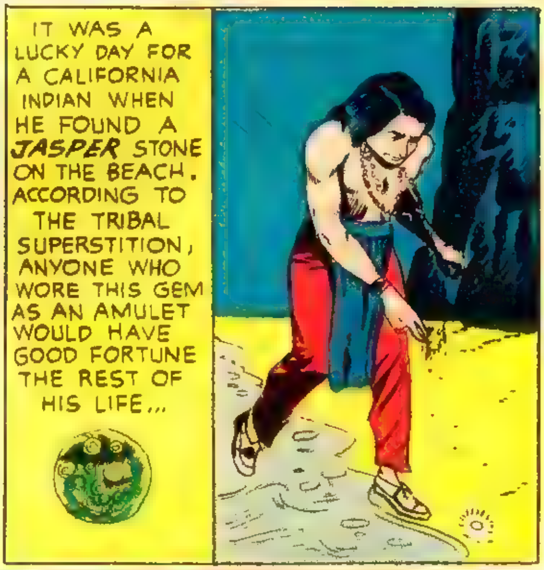
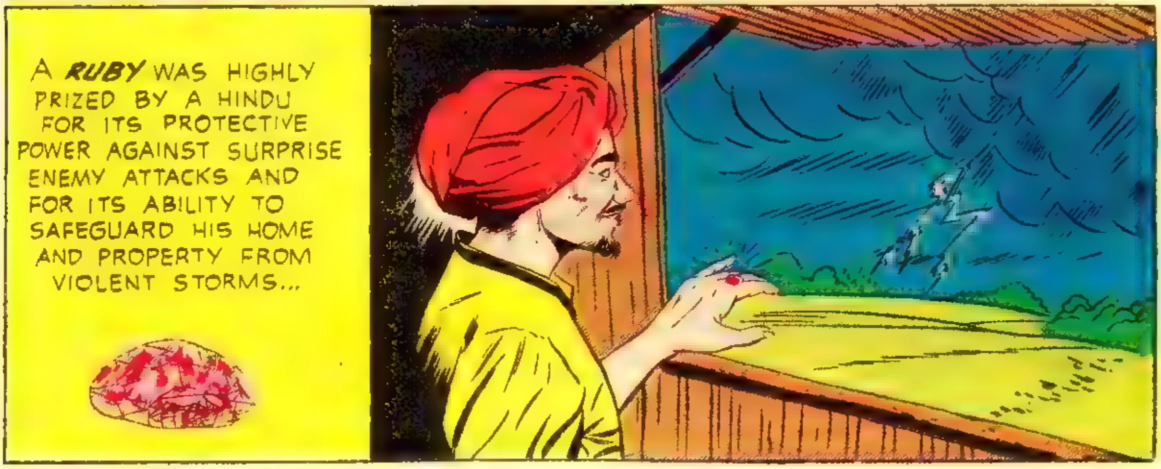
GEMS of DESTINY!


YEARS AGO IT WAS FANCIED THAT *DIAMONDS* WERE THE REMNANTS OF SKY-THUNDERBOLTS THAT HAD STRUCK THE EARTH. A FAVORITE ADORNMENT OF WOMEN, DIAMONDS WERE REMOVED FROM THE BODY WHEN RETIRING, BECAUSE OF THE BELIEF THAT EVIL SPIRITS WERE ATTRACTED TO THE SPARKLING GEMS AT NIGHT...


IN THE MIDDLE AGES, HORSEMEN WORE A *TURQUOISE* RING AS A CHARM AGAINST FALLING OFF A HORSE. EACH TIME THE GEM PREVENTED A FALL, IT LOST SOME OF ITS MAGIC, UNTIL FINALLY THE *TURQUOISE* LOST ALL ITS POWER AND HAD TO BE REPLACED.
MY *TURQUOISE* IS ALL WORN OUT! I'LL HAVE TO GET ANOTHER!


IT WAS A LUCKY DAY FOR A CALIFORNIA INDIAN WHEN HE FOUND A *JASPER* STONE ON THE BEACH. ACCORDING TO THE TRIBAL SUPERSTITION, ANYONE WHO WORE THIS GEM AS AN AMULET WOULD HAVE GOOD FORTUNE THE REST OF HIS LIFE...


A *RUBY* WAS HIGHLY PRIZED BY A HINDU FOR ITS PROTECTIVE POWER AGAINST SURPRISE ENEMY ATTACKS AND FOR ITS ABILITY TO SAFEGUARD HIS HOME AND PROPERTY FROM VIOLENT STORMS...

HOW TO BE A CHEERLEADER

IF you have ever admired the cheerleaders who help root your school team to victory, and hoped someday to become one yourself, now is the time to start preparing yourself for this exciting school job.

Cheerleaders are usually chosen by a school board. The board bases its judgment on these qualifications:

1. *Pleasing personality.* You may think that there is nothing you can do about this particular qualification, but that isn't so. A girl can learn to make herself vibrant, and ready to smile at all times. Included under this heading is poise.

2. *Good bearing.* You should be neat about your clothes, keeping them clean and properly ironed.

3. *Acrobatic ability.* The minimum requirement is a cartwheel, but the more tumbling stunts you can do, the better your chances.

4. *Loud but pleasant voice.* Your voice should carry authority, and have a commanding quality. It must be loud enough to be heard by the noisy crowd, but it should not be raucous.

Other qualifications include having imagination, organizing ability and leadership.

There are expressions or terms which every cheerleader must know. Here are some of the most common ones.

"*Big Loci.*" This is the shortened term for one of the most popular of all yells—the *Big Locomotive* yell which starts slowly and builds up speed gradually.

When a cheerleader urges the fans to "keep up the chatter," it is a signal for the rooters to keep shouting such encouraging remarks as, "That's the boy, Mike!"—"Hit 'em hard!" etc.

"*Meg*" is short for megaphone, a necessary piece of equipment for a cheerleader.

"*Pep Rally*" is the mass meeting before a game. Cheerleaders lead the students in such activities as songs, cheers, and acts.

"*Rooter King*" is the head cheerleader.

"Send-off" is an organized meeting of the rooters at the point from which the team will depart. On hand are the rooters, the school band, and, of course, the cheerleaders.

"Selling" is giving the audience information on the next yell.

"Tiger" is the name for the action at the end of a yell, in which the cheerleader leaps into the air with arms and legs outstretched.

The proper costume to wear is a pleated skirt with a white or contrasting blouse or sweater. Complementing this is a large school letter, or a smaller school letter mounted on a megaphone background.

The preferred footwear is white tennis shoes and white gym socks. No hats of any kind should be worn.

The only equipment, of course, is the megaphone. There are three sizes in use—an 18-inch meg for indoor games; and two larger ones, a 36-inch and a 48-inch, for big outdoor events. There is also a small 18-inch collapsible meg for taking on trips.

In cheerleading, never use half-hearted motions. Always use wide, sweeping movements which can easily be followed from a distance.

In action, keep your eyes on the crowd, and enunciate the cheers *with* the audience, not ahead of it.

There are four fundamental starting positions.

In the first one, stand at attention with your hands at your sides, directly facing the fans.

In the second, keep the left hand at your side and the clenched right hand raised, with the back of the hand resting on the forehead.

In the third position, you face the fans but turn your body slightly to one side, extending the arms straight sideway from the shoulders, with the left leg lifted up and in front of the right leg.

In the fourth position, you stand at ease, with your arms overhead for the start of the *Big Locomotive*.

Now let's try a simple cheer. None are really very complicated, but this one is particularly easy. It is "Y-E-A, TEAM . . . Y-E-A, TEAM . . . FIGHT—FIGHT—FIGHT!"

Stand at attention, the left hand at your side, the clenched right hand raised, the back of hand resting against the forehead. Leap into the air, performing a one-quarter turn and spreading your legs about three feet apart.

Then, drop down to a half-kneeling position, making a sweeping, circular motion that carries the hand down below the knees, and up again. An upward spring follows, swinging the right arm up across the left side of the body to a position high overhead, and turning the body toward the stands. These three positions are for the yell "Y-E-A!"

From this position, pull your hand down to your chest, using a grabbing motion. This is for the yell "TEAM!"

You repeat the above motions for the second "Y-E-A, TEAM!" Then, for the first "FIGHT!" throw up the right forearm, flexing the elbow. For the second "FIGHT!" repeat this motion with the left arm. The third "FIGHT!" is yelled as you spring high into the air, your head back, your arms and legs spread wide apart.

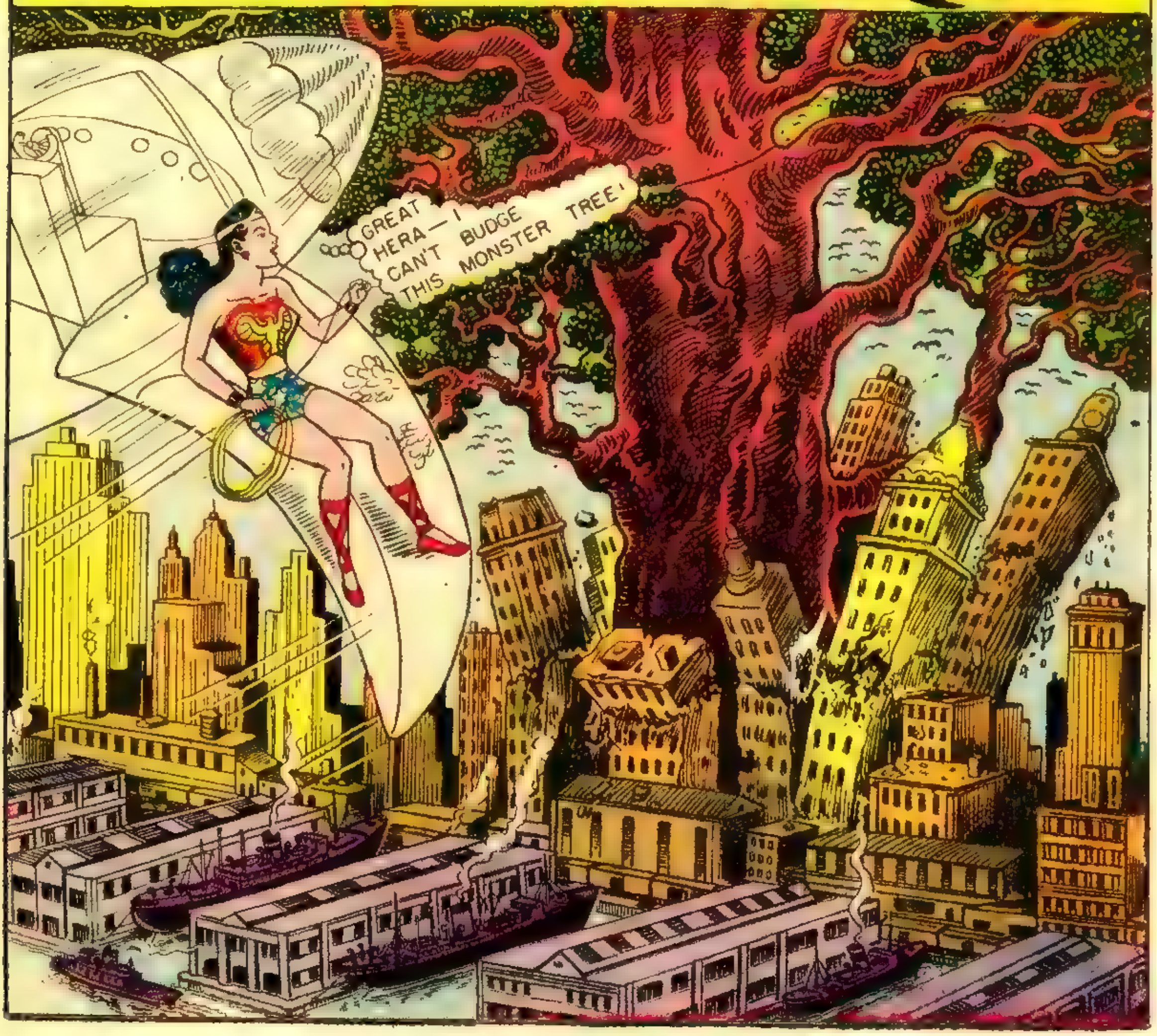
Naturally, it requires personal instruction to turn you into an expert cheerleader, and this instruction is available at your high school or college. But keeping the above tips in mind will give you a definite advantage when you go out for the cheerleading team!

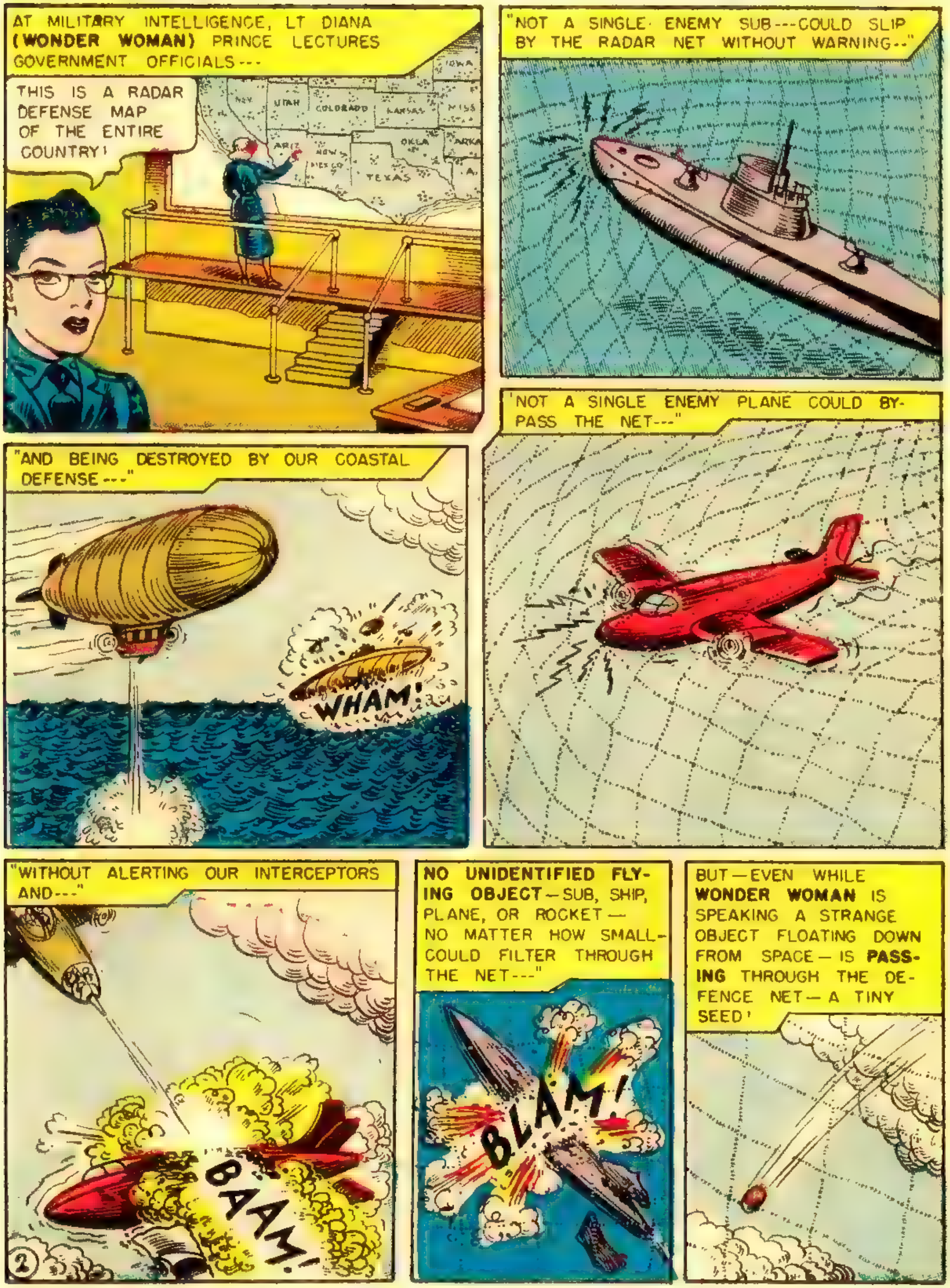
Wonder Woman

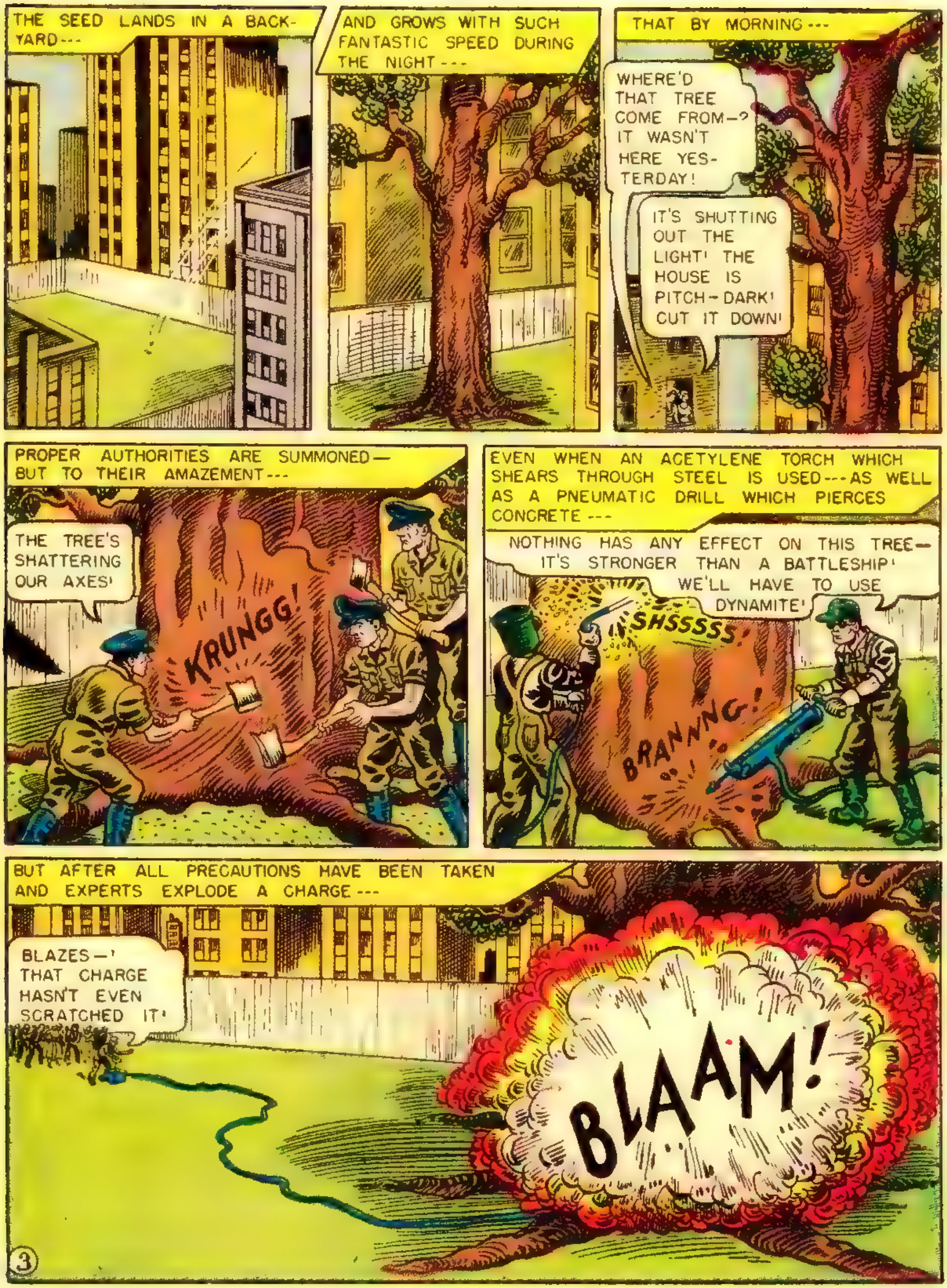
By CHARLES MOULTON

THE WORLD HAS BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO EXPECT THE IMPOSSIBLE FROM **WONDER WOMAN** — BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, SWIFTER THAN MERCURY, AND STRONGER THAN HERCULES — BUT NOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE MIGHTY AMAZON IS BROUGHT TO A STANDSTILL BY A UNIQUE MENACE! WITH THE FUTURE OF THE PLANET AT STAKE, **WONDER WOMAN** BATTLES AGAINST A SEEMINGLY INVINCIBLE OPPONENT------

"The TREE THAT SHOOK the EARTH!"


GREAT HERA — I CAN'T BUDGE THIS MONSTER TREE!


AT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, LT DIANA (WONDER WOMAN) PRINCE LECTURES GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS---
THIS IS A RADAR DEFENSE MAP OF THE ENTIRE COUNTRY!
IOWA
NEV
UTAH
COLORADO
KANSAS
MISS
ARIZ
NEW MEXICO
OKLA
ARKA
TEXAS
"NOT A SINGLE ENEMY SUB---COULD SLIP BY THE RADAR NET WITHOUT WARNING--"
"NOT A SINGLE ENEMY PLANE COULD BY-PASS THE NET---"
"AND BEING DESTROYED BY OUR COASTAL DEFENSE---"
WHAM!
"WITHOUT ALERTING OUR INTERCEPTORS AND---"
BAAM!
NO UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT—SUB, SHIP, PLANE, OR ROCKET—NO MATTER HOW SMALL—COULD FILTER THROUGH THE NET---"
BLAM!
BUT—EVEN WHILE WONDER WOMAN IS SPEAKING A STRANGE OBJECT FLOATING DOWN FROM SPACE—IS PASSING THROUGH THE DEFENCE NET—A TINY SEED!



THE SEED LANDS IN A BACKYARD---
AND GROWS WITH SUCH FANTASTIC SPEED DURING THE NIGHT---
THAT BY MORNING---
WHERE'D THAT TREE COME FROM--? IT WASN'T HERE YESTERDAY!
IT'S SHUTTING OUT THE LIGHT! THE HOUSE IS PITCH-DARK! CUT IT DOWN!
PROPER AUTHORITIES ARE SUMMONED— BUT TO THEIR AMAZEMENT---
THE TREE'S SHATTERING OUR AXES!
KRUNGG!
EVEN WHEN AN ACETYLENE TORCH WHICH SHEARS THROUGH STEEL IS USED---AS WELL AS A PNEUMATIC DRILL WHICH PIERCES CONCRETE---
NOTHING HAS ANY EFFECT ON THIS TREE— IT'S STRONGER THAN A BATTLESHIP! WE'LL HAVE TO USE DYNAMITE!
SHSSSSS!
BRANNNG!
BUT AFTER ALL PRECAUTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND EXPERTS EXPLODE A CHARGE---
BLAZES—! THAT CHARGE HASN'T EVEN SCRATCHED IT!
BLAAM!
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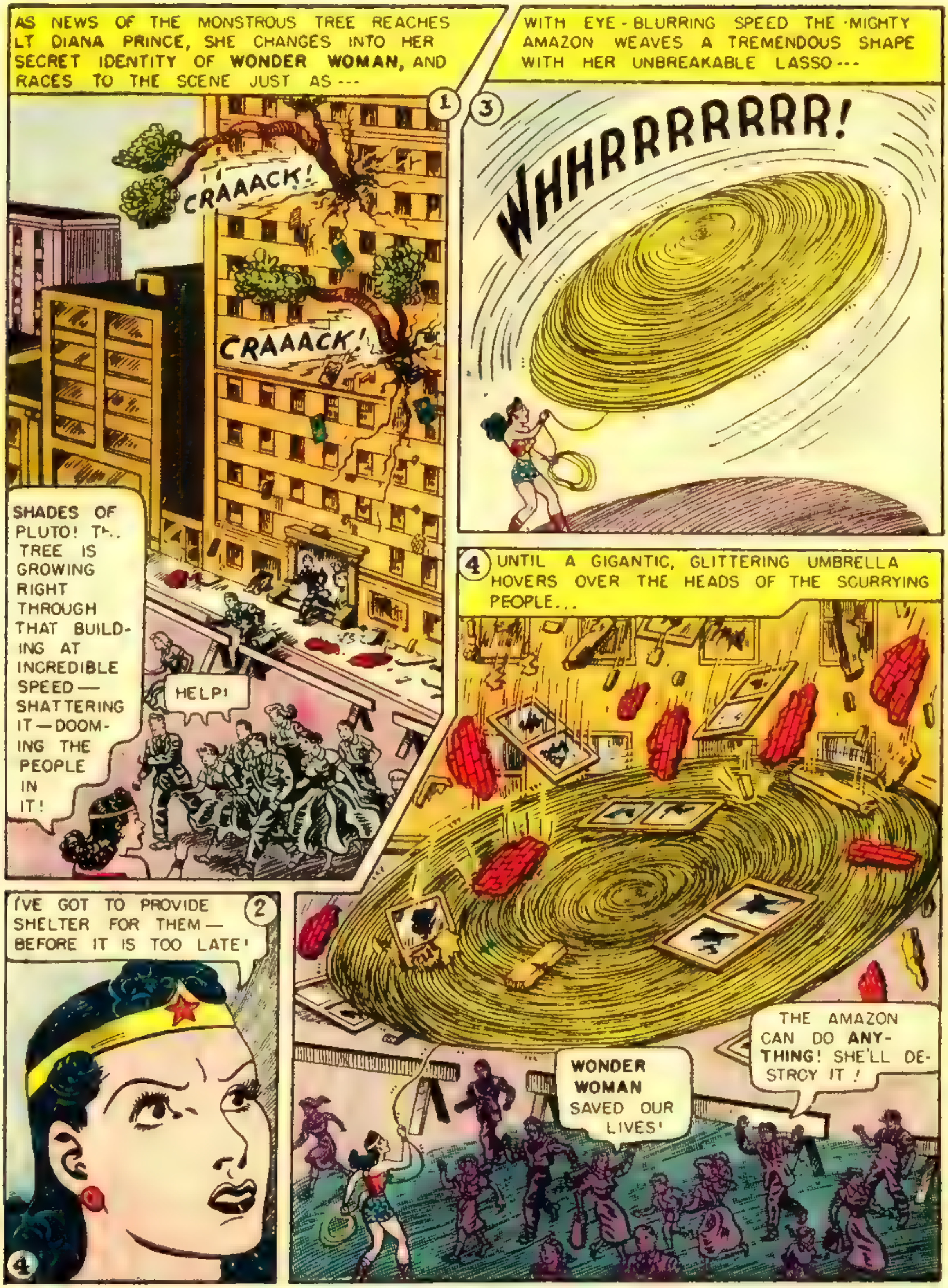
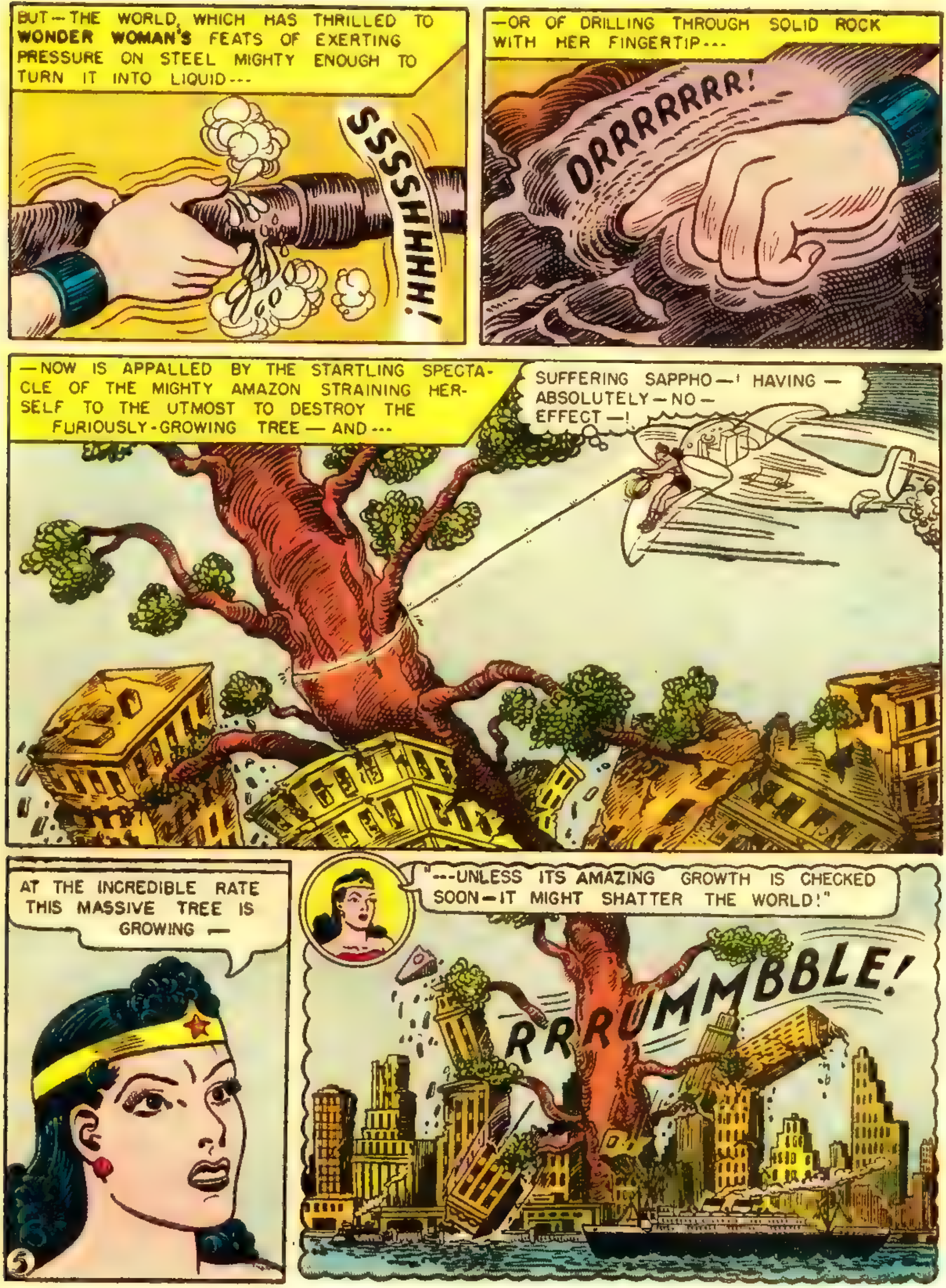

AS NEWS OF THE MONSTROUS TREE REACHES LT DIANA PRINCE, SHE CHANGES INTO HER SECRET IDENTITY OF WONDER WOMAN, AND RACES TO THE SCENE JUST AS ---
1
CRAAACK!
CRAAACK!
SHADES OF PLUTO! TH.. TREE IS GROWING RIGHT THROUGH THAT BUILDING AT INCREDIBLE SPEED — SHATTERING IT — DOOMING THE PEOPLE IN IT!
HELP!
I'VE GOT TO PROVIDE SHELTER FOR THEM — BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!
2
4
WITH EYE-BLURRING SPEED THE MIGHTY AMAZON WEAVES A TREMENDOUS SHAPE WITH HER UNBREAKABLE LASSO---
3
WHHRRRRRRR!
4
UNTIL A GIGANTIC, GLITTERING UMBRELLA HOVERS OVER THE HEADS OF THE SCURRYING PEOPLE...
WONDER WOMAN SAVED OUR LIVES!
THE AMAZON CAN DO ANYTHING! SHE'LL DESTROY IT!


BUT—THE WORLD, WHICH HAS THRILLED TO **WONDER WOMAN'S** FEATS OF EXERTING PRESSURE ON STEEL MIGHTY ENOUGH TO TURN IT INTO LIQUID---
SSSSHHHH!
—OR OF DRILLING THROUGH SOLID ROCK WITH HER FINGERTIP---
DRRRRRRRR!
—NOW IS APPALLED BY THE STARTLING SPECTACLE OF THE MIGHTY AMAZON STRAINING HERSELF TO THE UTMOST TO DESTROY THE FURIOUSLY-GROWING TREE — AND---
SUFFERING SAPPHO—! HAVING—ABSOLUTELY—NO—EFFECT—!
AT THE INCREDIBLE RATE THIS MASSIVE TREE IS GROWING —
"---UNLESS ITS AMAZING GROWTH IS CHECKED SOON—IT MIGHT SHATTER THE WORLD!"
RRRUMMBBLE!
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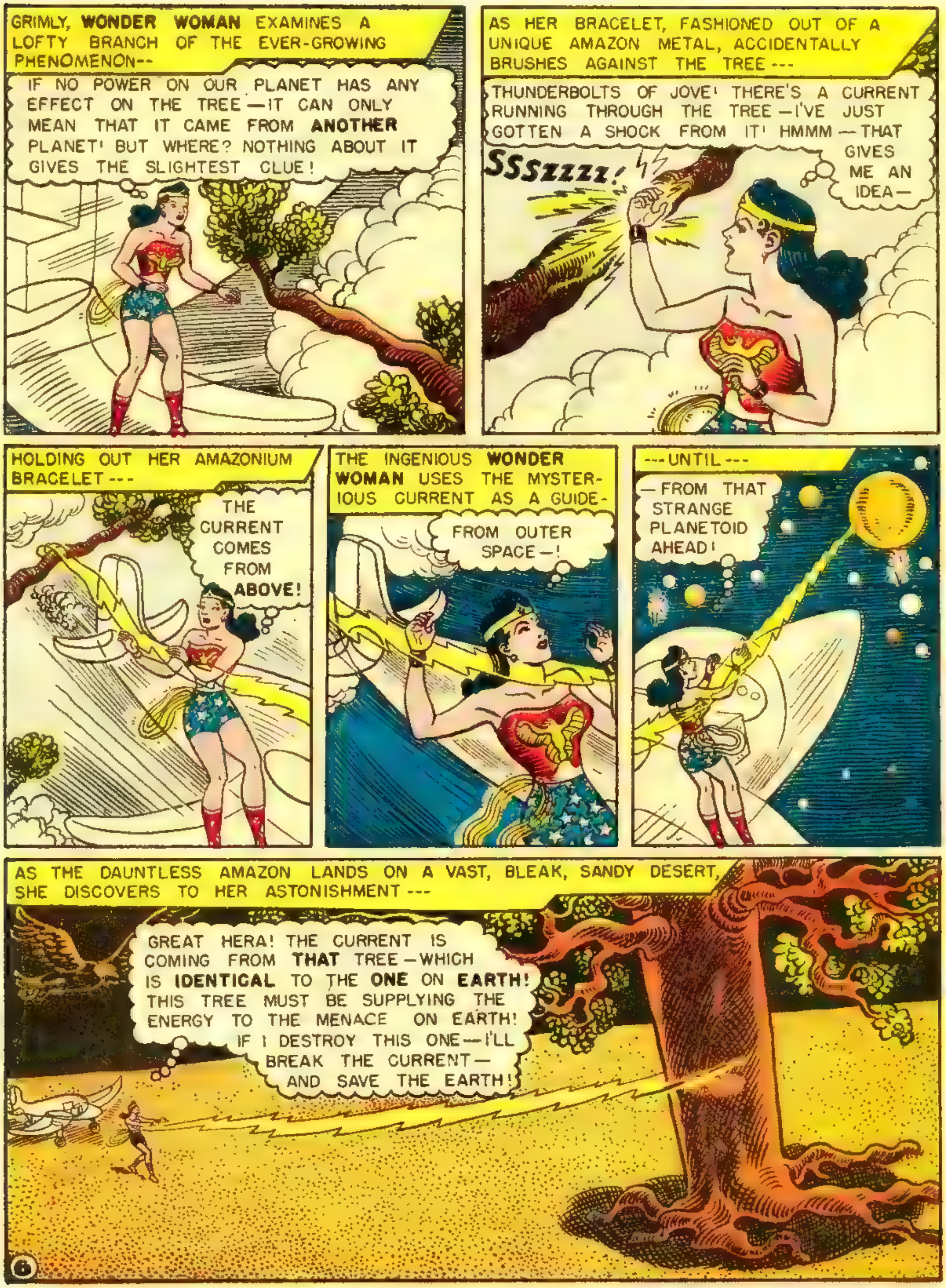
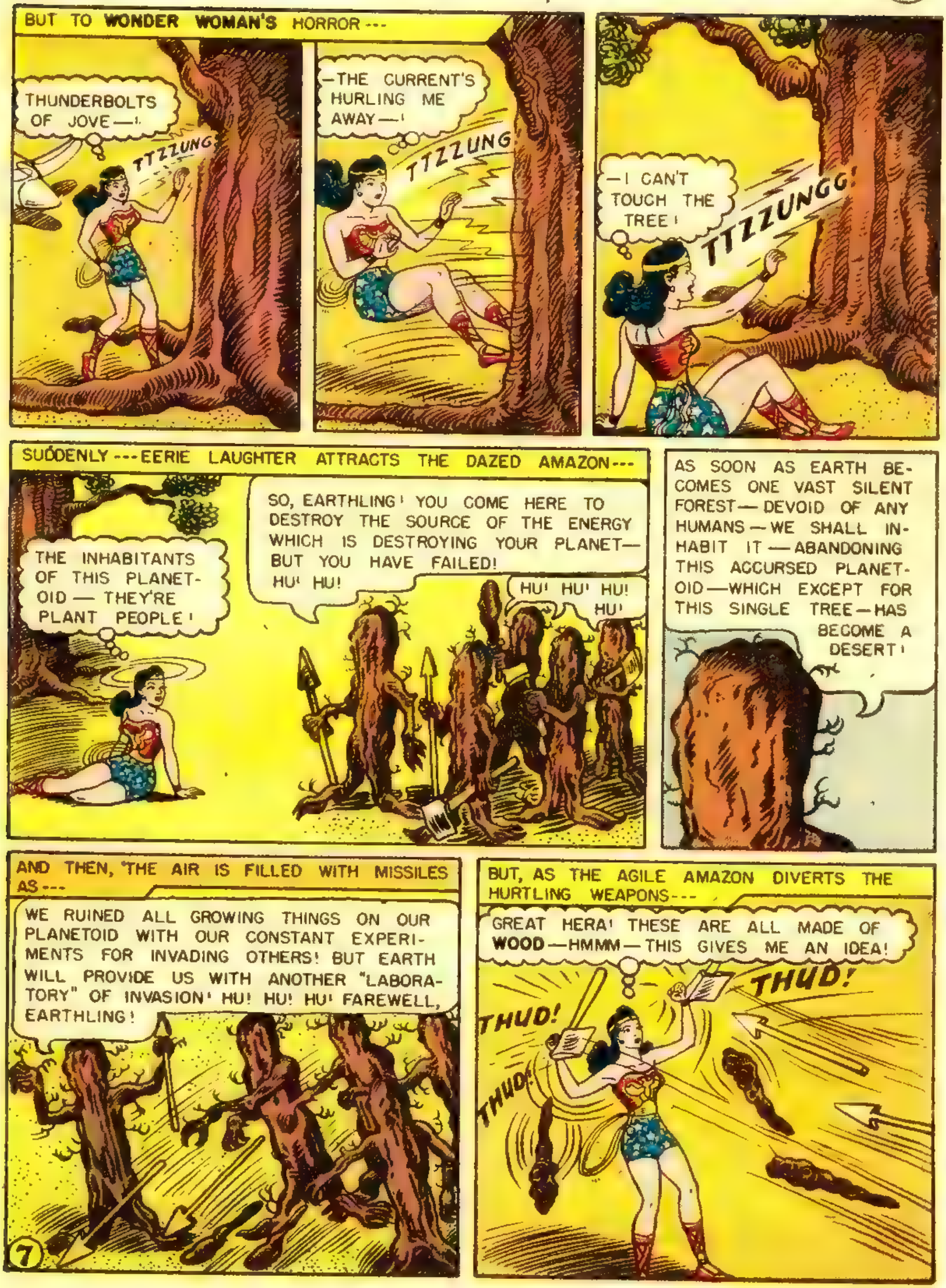
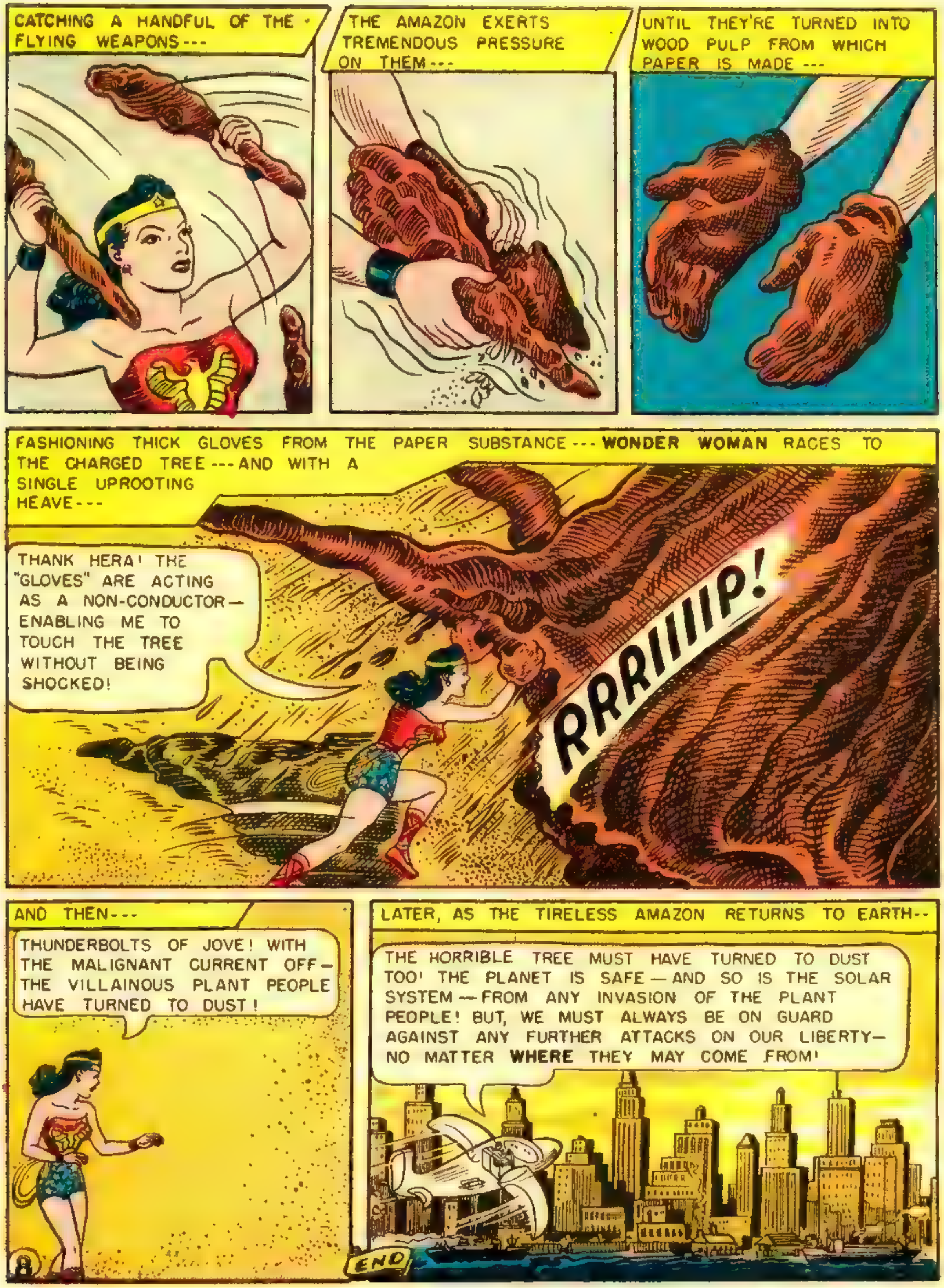

GRIMLY, WONDER WOMAN EXAMINES A LOFTY BRANCH OF THE EVER-GROWING PHENOMENON--
IF NO POWER ON OUR PLANET HAS ANY EFFECT ON THE TREE — IT CAN ONLY MEAN THAT IT CAME FROM ANOTHER PLANET! BUT WHERE? NOTHING ABOUT IT GIVES THE SLIGHTEST CLUE!
AS HER BRACELET, FASHIONED OUT OF A UNIQUE AMAZON METAL, ACCIDENTALLY BRUSHES AGAINST THE TREE ---
THUNDERBOLTS OF JOVE! THERE'S A CURRENT RUNNING THROUGH THE TREE — I'VE JUST GOTTEN A SHOCK FROM IT! HMMM — THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA—
SSSzzzzz!
HOLDING OUT HER AMAZONIUM BRACELET ---
THE CURRENT COMES FROM ABOVE!
THE INGENIOUS WONDER WOMAN USES THE MYSTERIOUS CURRENT AS A GUIDE-
FROM OUTER SPACE —!
--- UNTIL ---
— FROM THAT STRANGE PLANETOID AHEAD!
AS THE DAUNTLESS AMAZON LANDS ON A VAST, BLEAK, SANDY DESERT, SHE DISCOVERS TO HER ASTONISHMENT ---
GREAT HERA! THE CURRENT IS COMING FROM THAT TREE — WHICH IS IDENTICAL TO THE ONE ON EARTH! THIS TREE MUST BE SUPPLYING THE ENERGY TO THE MENACE ON EARTH! IF I DESTROY THIS ONE — I'LL BREAK THE CURRENT — AND SAVE THE EARTH!


BUT TO **WONDER WOMAN'S** HORROR---
THUNDERBOLTS OF JOVE—!
TTZZUNG
—THE CURRENT'S HURLING ME AWAY—!
TTZZUNG
—I CAN'T TOUCH THE TREE!
TTTZUNGG!
SUDDENLY---EERIE LAUGHTER ATTRACTS THE DAZED AMAZON---
THE INHABITANTS OF THIS PLANETOID — THEY'RE PLANT PEOPLE!
SO, EARTHLING! YOU COME HERE TO DESTROY THE SOURCE OF THE ENERGY WHICH IS DESTROYING YOUR PLANET—BUT YOU HAVE FAILED! HU! HU!
HU! HU! HU! HU!
AS SOON AS EARTH BECOMES ONE VAST SILENT FOREST— DEVOID OF ANY HUMANS — WE SHALL INHABIT IT — ABANDONING THIS ACCURSED PLANETOID—WHICH EXCEPT FOR THIS SINGLE TREE—HAS BECOME A DESERT!
AND THEN, THE AIR IS FILLED WITH MISSILES AS---
WE RUINED ALL GROWING THINGS ON OUR PLANETOID WITH OUR CONSTANT EXPERIMENTS FOR INVADING OTHERS! BUT EARTH WILL PROVIDE US WITH ANOTHER "LABORATORY" OF INVASION! HU! HU! HU! FAREWELL, EARTHLING!
BUT, AS THE AGILE AMAZON DIVERTS THE HURTLING WEAPONS---
GREAT HERA! THESE ARE ALL MADE OF **WOOD** —HMMM— THIS GIVES ME AN IDEA!
THUD!
THUD!
THUD!


CATCHING A HANDFUL OF THE FLYING WEAPONS---
THE AMAZON EXERTS TREMENDOUS PRESSURE ON THEM---
UNTIL THEY'RE TURNED INTO WOOD PULP FROM WHICH PAPER IS MADE---
FASHIONING THICK GLOVES FROM THE PAPER SUBSTANCE---WONDER WOMAN RACES TO THE CHARGED TREE---AND WITH A SINGLE UPROOTING HEAVE---
THANK HERA! THE "GLOVES" ARE ACTING AS A NON-CONDUCTOR—ENABLING ME TO TOUCH THE TREE WITHOUT BEING SHOCKED!
RRRIIIIIP!
AND THEN---
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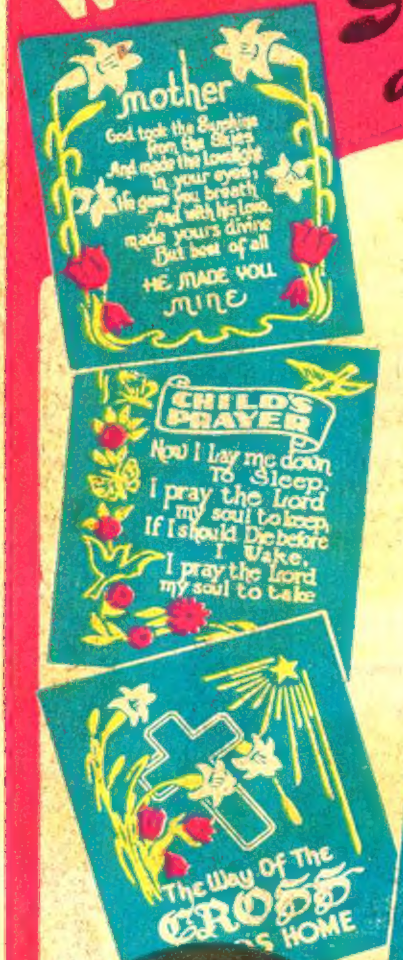
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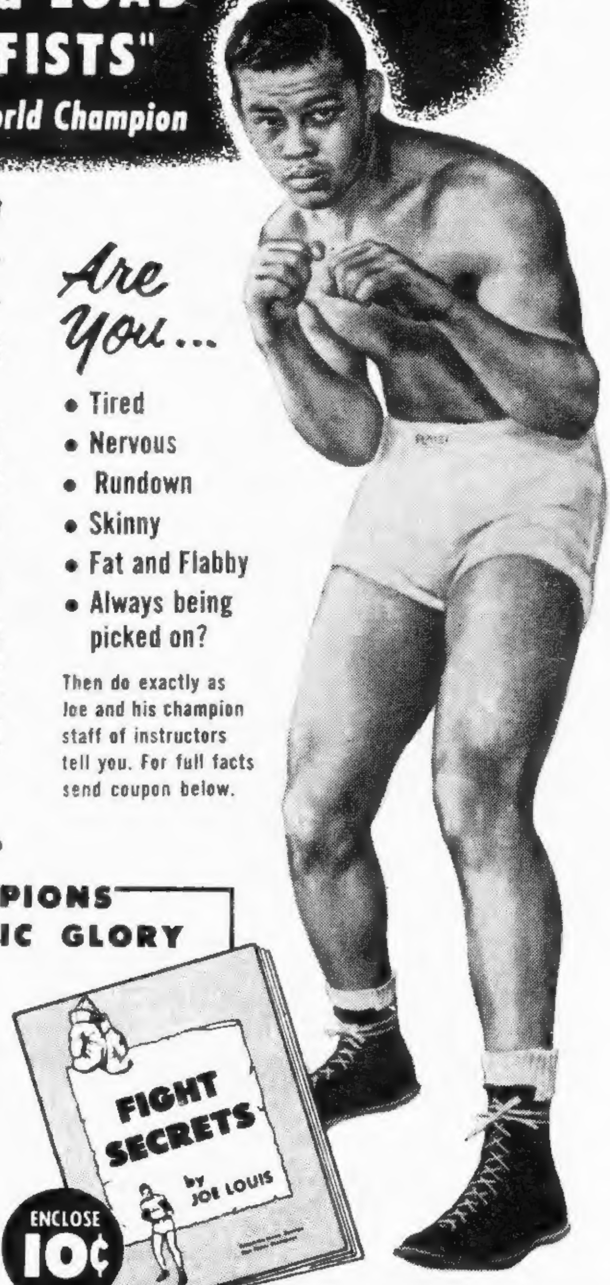

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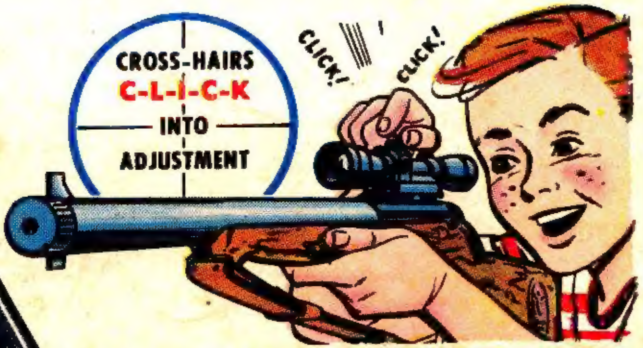

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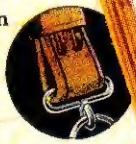
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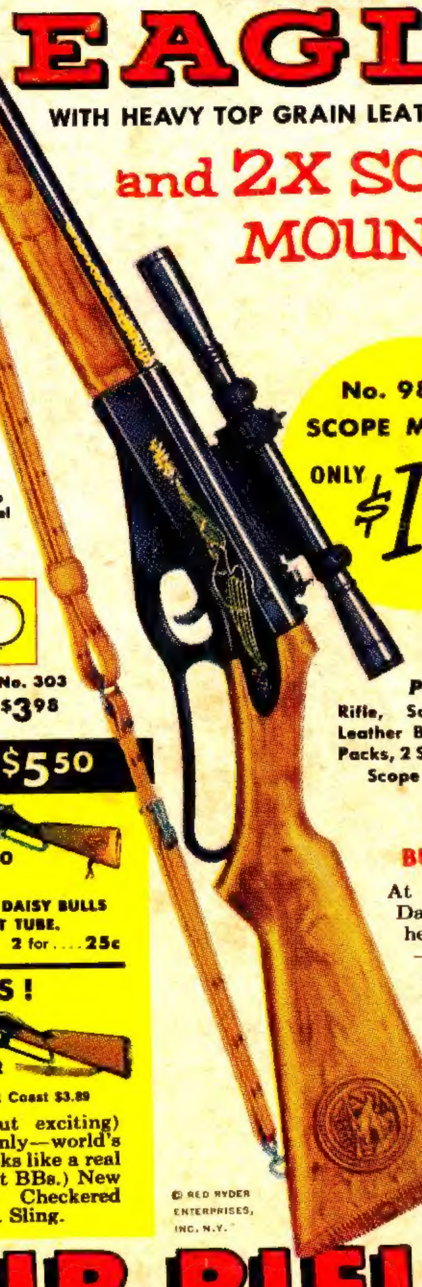

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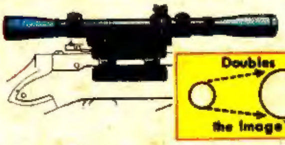

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